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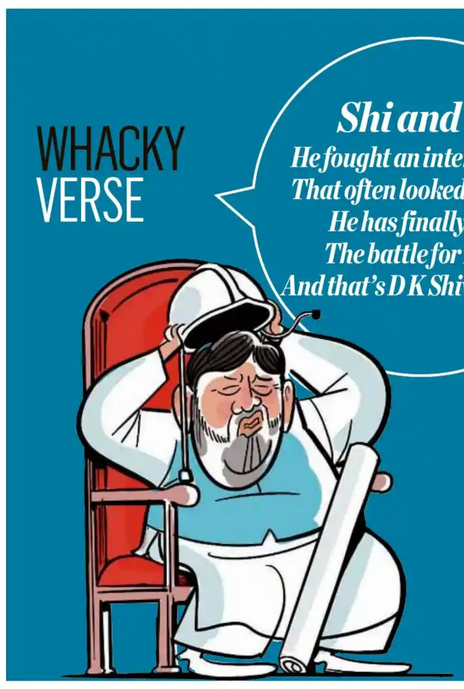
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And that's D K Shivakumar.

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India, US may execute interim trade pact by July: Goyal

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One down for DKS govt as Reddy quits

Minister sore over portfolio; sulking Muniyappa relents

BENGALURU, DHNS

The three-day-old D K Shivakumar government faced its first political crisis on Friday as senior minister Ramalinga Reddy quit the Cabinet over portfolio allocation, while veteran K H Muniyappa publicly accused the Congress leadership of disregarding seniority in distributing ministerial responsibilities.

Reddy resigned on live television for not being given the plum Bengaluru Development portfolio, which went to Krishna Byre Gowda.

Earlier in the day, Muniyappa said he was unhappy and will not take charge of his food & civil supplies portfolio "until rectification". However, the Congress managed to rein in Muniyappa, while Reddy was unrelenting.

Ramalinga Reddy

Both ministers chose their manoeuvres on a day top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was in Bengaluru to accompany party president Mallikarjun Kharge for his Rajya Sabha nomination.

Reddy, an eight-time MLA who has been given the water resources ministry, said he could not work against his "conscience". He said he was promised the Bengaluru Development portfolio twice in the past.

"In 2023, Byrathi Suresh, on behalf of Siddaramaiah, met me at Cunningham Road and told me that the CM wanted to give me Bengaluru Development. I was given transport. Later, I was promised that I would get the portfolio after D K Shivakumar becomes the CM. This time, I got Water Resources. This has saddened me. I will resign, but remain a Congress MLA," said Reddy, who feels he cannot offer anything to his BTM Layout voters as the water resources minister.

In July 2019, Reddy resigned as an MLA, upset that he was not made a minister in the JD(S)-Congress coalition government.

Earlier, Muniyappa demanded that he be given one of three portfolios -- social welfare, agriculture and irrigation. "I appeal to Kharge: you are in the position of a mother and all children must be treated equally. Seniority should be maintained. Doing this will help Congress in 2028," he said.

Later, however, Muniyappa got an audience with Rahul. "I am happy. No problem. Rahul has said he will sort it out," Muniyappa said.

▸ Ramalinga Reddy, Page 6

CM holds on to BDA, BMRDA

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar has retained direct control over Bengaluru's two influential departments like the BDA and BMRDA even as he has allocated the Greater Bengaluru Authority portfolio to Krishna Byre Gowda.

Details on Page 5

EU flags 365 Indian products with pesticides, heavy metals

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Two years after *DH* reported about India's "export quality" products being rejected by European Union countries over toxic pesticide and heavy metal content, a new set of data obtained by *DH* shows that Indian authorities have taken no steps to contain the use of carcinogenic pesticides. Nearly 370 products have been flagged by the 27 member countries.

Analysis of data from the European Food Safety Authority, EU Commission, shows that over 450 products were rejected between May 1, 2024 and May 30, 2026. While 365 products were rejected for presence of pesticides and heavy metals, about 50 were rejected for containing pathogens like salmonella, Aflatoxin BI and Ochratoxin A. Many others were rejected for environmental pollution like mineral oil contamination.

Herbs and spices, fruits and vegetables, nuts, nut products and seeds, cereals and bakery products and dietic foods formed the majority of the products that were notified.

Chlorpyrifos, a pesticide banned by 44 countries for being a genotoxic, carcinogenic and neurotoxic, was found in about 135 products and ethylene oxide was found in 40 products though the pesticide is not even registered in India. It is linked to blood and breast cancers, neurological problems and other health hazards. Cadmium (nine products), lead (seven products) and mercury (five products) were also found in several products.

▸ EU, Page 6

India's GDP grows at 7.7% in FY26, beats estimates

Upswing driven by private consumption

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India's economy expanded by 7.7% in 2025-26, beating the earlier estimates. This is despite headwinds from the West Asia conflict that began in February and intensified in March, as per official data released on Friday.

The GDP grew by a better-than-expected 7.8% in the January-March quarter. Though this is slightly down from the upwardly revised 8% recorded in the October-December 2025 period, it is above the average growth of 7.4% in the previous 10 quarters. Strong growth in the January-March quarter was driven by healthy private consumption and fixed investments. Both the Q4 and FY26 numbers are better than the second advance estimates, released by the NSO in February. It had pegged the FY26 growth at 7.6%.

▸ GDP, Page 6

Govt exempts capital gains tax on FPI investment in G-Secs, Page 14

RBI ups inflation projection

The RBI on Friday kept key policy interest rates unchanged, but sharply increased its inflation projection to 5.1% for FY27 and flagged further upside risks, signalling monetary policy tightening. Page 14

Life lessons at Everest base camp

A visually challenged woman from Karnataka looks back on her Himalayan feat

Everest, the world's highest peak at 8,849 metres, means different things to different people — adventure, endurance and, for some, a chance to break barriers.

Today's *Saturday Story* is about the first visually impaired woman from Karnataka, and only the second in India, to reach Everest Base Camp. It is a formidable challenge in itself at 5,364 metres.

Accompanied by fellow trekkers and a guide, she completed the 110-kilometre trek in 12 days in April. The expedition tested her resolve, and there were initial communication challenges with her guide.

But it was also filled with moments of joy. She experienced her first snowfall, breathed the icy mountain air, made new friends, and even learnt a folk song. And she returned with a belief she had embraced long ago, that her future lies beyond the limits others place on her.

The SATURDAY STORY

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Human-animal conflict

Kodagu: IPS officer's wife killed in jumbo attack

Sandhya Achaya (51), the wife of senior IPS officer Annalamada Sunil Achaya, was killed in an elephant attack at a plantation in Konanakatte village near Titimati in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district on Friday. Sandhya, a resident of Delhi, had come to attend a relative's marriage. She, along with her relatives, had gone to the plantation after attending the function. During their visit, an elephant attacked them. While the others managed to escape, Sandhya tripped and fell and was killed by the elephant.

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Crackdown

2 terror suspects held by Tumakuru police

Two individuals suspected of having links with terrorist organisations were arrested by the Tumakuru police on Friday. The arrested accused are: Allahbakshu (24), a resident of Tumakuru, and 22-year-old Zameer Khan of Davangere. After he was arrested in Tumakuru, Allahbakshu intimated to the police about Zameer Khan, who was apprehended at the Davangere railway station. Police received a tip-off about the duo from the NIA, which suspected that they were in touch with terrorist organisations on X and Instagram.

Race for seats

KCET results to be out today

The results of Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) 2026 will be announced on Saturday. The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) said in a statement that the results will be available after 2 pm for candidates.

Candidates may access their results through the official websites:

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CLEANING THE MESSY VOTER ROLLS

Ground-level hurdles await SIR

SIR **KEY NUMBERS**

	Electors covered under SIR	Mapping progress (latest reported)	Earlier mapping progress	Booth Level Officers (BLOs)	Political party booth agents
KARNATAKA	5.55 crore+	86% statewide	84%-86%	59,050 deployed	25,284
BENGALURU	88.95 lakh Electors	72% mapped (June 2026)	54.3% in March 2026	Included within statewide deployment (city-specific figure not reported)	Not separately reported

SIR **TIMELINE** FOR KARNATAKA

Stage	Period
SIR commencement	June 20, 2026
Enumeration form distribution/collection	Late June–July 2026
Verification phase	Aug–Sept 2026
Scrutiny of disputed cases	Sept–Oct 2026
Final electoral roll	Oct 7, 2026

Overburdened booth-level officers face migrant populations, trust issues, inaccessible residents, outdated records, and verification challenges

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BENGALURU, DHNS

With the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls set to begin on June 20 amid backlash and court cases in states that have already held SIR, activists and citizens remain sceptical about the process, even as the state government assures transparency. The booth-level voter mapping, which involves linking the 2025 voters to the 2002 voter list, also known as 'progeny mapping' or family tree mapping, has been completed across the state.

The actual SIR process is set to begin on June 26. To this day, no one knows how many voters remain unmapped among the people whose details were checked.

Voter lists in Karnataka, especially in large cities like Bengaluru, have always been bloated with multiple voter identity cards across states, assembly constituencies or even wards. Often, dead and moved voters are not removed, contributing to incorrect assumptions, data discrepancies, and allegations of 'urban apathy' among voters, even though the voters would simply have chosen to vote in their home state.

Problem of trust

While cleaner voter rolls are a need of the hour, the way SIR has been done in West Bengal and Bihar, and the problem of political parties masquerading as surveyors as seen in the 'Chilume' case in Bengaluru a few years ago, have led to doubts among citizens. When genuine BLOs reach out to people, the biggest challenge is obtaining the required documents. People do not trust the officials enough.

Ashwin Mahesh, an urbanist based in Bengaluru, says that trust must be earned through demonstrated transparency rather than claimed by authority. "An institution with nothing to hide will voluntarily share data; the Election Commission's (EC) persistent opacity is itself evidence of untrustworthiness," he said.

"The EC has failed to earn public confidence. Its refusal to share voter roll data means that even genuine errors look deliberate. It also does little to expand voter participation—not registering college students, not making the rolls easy to search—which he reads as another red flag," he added.

"I think the election commission has put itself in a situation where it says, 'I don't mind if you don't trust me, but I don't care if you don't," he added.

He explained how the lack of trust has led to a broader malaise. "Citizens have lowered their expectations drastically. Once you become used to a low threshold, it is difficult to come out of it. People are just happy if they can vote and move on. They have to fight for many things, and voting becomes the least priority in such situations," he adds.

"Though it is a crime to have two voter IDs, the onus of removing it lies with the citizen by submitting Form 6 to the Election Commission (EC). However, a citizen cannot remove the ID on her/his own. The EC has the power to do it, but they do not do it," said P G Bhat, an activist who has consistently campaigned for better voter rolls.

"The Election Commission does not lack systems to identify real duplicate voters. They just lack the willpower for execution," he added.

This is not the first electoral roll reformation. Karnataka has conducted Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) and National Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication Programme (NERPAP) in the past. These also failed because of execution.

In the run-up to the 2013 elections, close to 12 lakh voters were deleted from the voter list, invoking a public interest litigation at the Karnataka High Court. The court later ordered the restoration of the voters, but the BLOs went door-to-door and had the deleted voters included on the list by creating new voter IDs. No one knows how many people were omitted in the process, as dead voters are unlikely to get their IDs created again.

Now activists are wondering how the 2002 list can be used as the basis in such a scenario. Bhat lists many problems in the voter rolls, including incorrect spellings, addresses, and ages, as well as age gaps between parents and children, which are likely to introduce errors and omissions in the SIR. Matching the details and verifying are big tasks that not all BLOs can handle.

The reasons for non-deletion are many, including a lack of dedicated BLOs. BLOs are often Anganwadi ASHA workers, civic officials or teachers who are already burdened with their own work. "They get paid a pittance and are not incentivised in any way," said Bhat.

"There are not enough BLOs on the ground, though in theory every booth should have a BLO. Those who do exist are stressed out, probably handling multiple booths," he added.

What's happening on the ground?

A booth-level officer (BLO) from Jewargi, Hanamesh Muradi, a government primary school teacher in Banami village, said that contacting migrant people will be a tough challenge during enumeration while visiting their houses, as they have to "visit locked houses at least three times to photograph them, in addition to trying to contact them through the neighbours and displaying notices on the locked houses".

"Lots of people in Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Bidar, Raichur and other parts of the Kalyana Karnataka region have migrated to Bengaluru, Mumbai and Pune in search of a livelihood. Many have settled in these big cities, while a few have migrated temporarily due to a lack of agricultural activities," he explained.

In Bengaluru, the problem is different. "Usually, most people are busy at work, so we can't go during the daytime. When we call, they do not respond. When we go in the evening, they say, 'Don't you have timesense?' When we go on Sundays, they say you don't even leave us on Sundays," said a BLO from Mahadevapura in Bengaluru.

A teacher, the only BLO *DH* managed to contact in Bengaluru, explained the challenges further: When the BLOs get through to people, the biggest challenge is getting the documents from them. "We ourselves ask people not to share Aadhaar or other documents, and it boomerangs when we ask them. People don't share them," she added.

When getting through to people themselves is a challenge, how do BLOs handle inter-city duplication of people who shift to the city from another city? The teacher said they have access to the ECINet app, which can be used to check old voter rolls of families and people across India. "We ask them where they were earlier, search and verify," she added.

When asked how much they are compensated, she said: "Since this is a national service, compensation is not important; we have to do it anyway."

DH tried calling many BLOs for the Mahalakshmi Layout and Mahadevaura assembly constituencies, as listed on the old BBMP website linked from the GBA website. One of the teachers from a booth in the Mahalakshmi Layout assembly constituency, *DH*, managed to reach and said he retired in June 2022 and is no longer a BLO. Another teacher said he was, in fact, a BLO, but he has outsourced his work to a 'madam' who does it on his behalf, and he attends only the meetings conducted by the GBA in relation to SIR. He had nothing to say about the BLO-level progeny mapping exercise, other than a vague, catch-all reply: "It's going on smoothly."

A junior health inspector serving in one of the Bengaluru City Corporations, listed as the BLO for a booth in Mahalakshmi Layout, said she was never enrolled as a BLO and knows nothing about the SIR process.

Official SIR workflow

- BLOs will conduct door-to-door visits.
- Enumeration forms will be distributed to all electors.
- Voters receive two copies one to submit,one for their records.
- No documents are collected during the initial form-distribution phase.
- Subsequent verification and scrutiny are conducted when discrepancies arise.

EC CLARIFIES PROGENY MAPPING AND VERIFICATION PROCESS

1 What are the exact criteria used by BLOs for verification of voters during Booth Level Progeny Mapping?

Progeny mapping is carried out based on the details of a relative (father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother) whose name appears in the last SIR electoral roll (2002 for Karnataka). Therefore, the last SIR details of such a relative are checked.

2 While establishing the lineage of voters, how does the Election Commission (EC) verify it, particularly when the parent may not have been registered as a voter in Karnataka? What proof is sought? Are the parents' voter details verified?

Lineage is established using the details of a relative (father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother) in the 2002 SIR electoral roll. If the parents are residents of another state, the last SIR electoral roll of that state is considered for progeny mapping. If there is any change, the voter can write this in the Enumeration Form (EF).

3 Is there a facility available to map electoral roll records across states, including lineage verification and identification of duplicate entries?

Yes. ECINet provides access to the latest SIR electoral roll data across India. These details are available to BLOs for progeny mapping and are also publicly accessible through the ECI website.

4. What happens to voters above 40 years of age whose details may not be available in the Karnataka 2002 electoral roll?

Progeny mapping can be done based on the details of a relative (father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother) available in the last SIR electoral roll (2002 for Karnataka).

5 What happens in cases where there are spelling mistakes in the name of the voter or relatives, or errors in age, date of birth, address, etc., in the electoral records?

After publication of the draft electoral roll, EROs will issue notices to electors whose previous SIR electoral roll details provided in the Enumeration Form are either unavailable or do not match the database. Such cases will be examined during the due process as per law.

6 Electoral rolls in Karnataka have undergone revisions in the past, including large-scale deletions and subsequent restorations. What happens to voters whose old EPIC details may not match current records?

All voters whose names appear in the latest electoral roll will receive Enumeration Forms. If any eligible voter is not enrolled before publication of the draft electoral roll, he/she may submit Form 6 along with the prescribed declaration form for inclusion as per guidelines.

7 How can a citizen know whether his/her progeny mapping has been done correctly?

During house-to-house visits, BLOs will inform electors regarding the status of their progeny mapping and can verify it in ECINet.

8 What happens to electors whose progeny mapping remains incomplete or cannot be established? When are they required to produce documents, and what documents are required?

After publication of the draft electoral roll, EROs will issue notices to electors whose previous SIR electoral roll details provided in the Enumeration Form are either unavailable or do not match the database. Such electors will be required to submit the prescribed document(s) as notified by the Election Commission of India and as per law.

9 During SIR, it is stated that the age difference between a voter and the mapped parent may be considered for verification. Are electors given an opportunity to explain such cases? Are they physically verified, contacted, or removed directly?

After publication of the draft electoral roll, EROs will issue notices to electors whose previous SIR electoral roll details provided in the Enumeration Form are unavailable or do not match the database. Such cases will be examined through the prescribed process before any decision is taken, in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines.

10 What should a voter do to ensure that his/her name is safely included in the electoral roll? Is there anything that can be done at this stage, especially after Booth Level Mapping has been completed?

All electors who fill, sign, and submit the Enumeration Form to the BLO will be included in the draft electoral roll, even if mapping has not been done. The mapping process will continue during the enumeration phase. Electors may provide the latest SIR details for themselves, their parents, or their grandparents to the BLO for mapping. An online facility will also be available during the enumeration phase, enabling electors to complete mapping and submit Enumeration Forms.

(Inputs from EC by Prathima Nandakumar)

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DATE OF INTERVIEW	CATEGORY OF POSTS/ SUBJECTS
16.06.2026 (Tuesday)	Post Graduate Teachers: Economics, Mathematics, History, Geography, Psychology & Computer Science Trained Graduate Teachers: Sanskrit, Social Science, Hindi & Kannada Primary Teachers (PRT's) and Yoga Trainer/ Teachers, Balavatika Teachers, Special Educator

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PRINCIPAL

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Workshop: Atmanirbhar Bharat in Neurosciences; KN Subrahmanya, SC Parija, Dr BN Gangadhar and Dr Prabha S Chandra to attend; Organised by NIMHANS; Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, NIMHANS; 9 am.

Lecture: Masti Venkatesha Iyengar's Life and Works; SR Vijayshankar, TN Seetharam, HS Shashidhar Kumar to attend; Organised by Kannada Kasturi Sangha and Swami Vivekananda Abhyudaya Pratishthana; Judicial Department Employees' Housing Cooperative Society Building, Nyayanga Badavane; 9.50 am.

Public Grievance Hearing on Issues in the Implementation of the PTCL Act, 1978: Clifton D'Rozario; Gopal Gowda, CS Dwarakanath, SM Jamadar, D Thangaraj to attend; All India Lawyers Association for Justice, Manthan Law and Alternative Law Forum; Gandhi Bhavan, Kumarakrupa Road; 10.30 am.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	29.5°C
Minimum	21.5°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	59%
Sunset (June 6)	6:44 pm
Sunrise (June 7)	6:08 am
Moonrise	10:48 pm
Moonset	9:46 am

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

PROVISION OF DIGITAL 25 W-VHF SETS WITH VOICE RECORDING

E-Tender Notice No. S&T/APDJ/06; dated: 01-06-2026. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **SN.1. E-Tender No.: AP-ST-06-2026-27; Name of Work:** Provision of Digital 25 W-VHF sets with voice recording at all stations in Alipurduar Division. **Advertised Tender Value:** ₹2,80,59,328.94; **Bid Security:** ₹5,61,200.00. E-tenders will be **closed at** 15:00 hrs. on 26-06-2026 and **will be opened** on 26-06-2026 after closing. The complete information with tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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Lokayukta flags black spots during waste management inspection

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka Lokayukta BS Patil took to city roads on Friday to check the state of solid waste management, visiting RT Nagar, Batarayanapura, Anandanagar and surrounding areas under the Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) and identifying six black spots.

Despite registering suo motu cases, holding inspections and directing officials to ensure cleanliness, black spots continue to dot the roads, Patil said.

He directed officials from the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) and the BNCC to immediately clear the black spots and submit a report.

To understand the ground situation across the five city corporations, the Lokayukta has constituted five teams, which will conduct an on-ground inspection and submit a report soon.

Karnataka Lokayukta BS Patil inspects garbage accumulation in Bengaluru, directing officials to maintain road cleanliness. PHOTO: KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

"Despite efforts to resolve the issue, the problem of poor waste management continues. The Lokayukta has also been receiving many complaints regarding the same issue. Hence, five teams of police officers of various ranks, including the Superintendent of Police, have been constituted.

" The Lokayukta has given them guidance and instructed them to identify the problems within the jurisdiction of the five corporations and submit a report," a statement by the Lokayukta said.

Temporary measures planned for flood-prone Gali Anjaneya Temple Road

BENGALURU, DHNS: Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao has directed Bengaluru West City Corporation (BWCC) officials to construct a temporary catchment pit and install a pumping system near Gali Anjaneya Temple Road, a stretch that experiences flooding during heavy rainfall.

Masheshwar Rao

"During the monsoon, water should be pumped into Vrishabhavathi Valley to ensure that the road remains free from flooding and that necessary precautionary measures are taken," Rao said.

Rao noted that asphalting work on the Gali Anjaneya Temple flyover road has been completed and instructed officials to expedite all road development and asphalting works being undertaken under Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) funding.

Observing that a 66-kV Bescom power line passes through Vrishabhavathi Valley near the Gali Anjaneya Temple, Rao directed Bescom officials to relocate the line immediately.

"The Bescom power line obstructing Vrishabhavathi Valley could lead to waste accumulation during heavy rainfall, resulting in backflow and waterlogging," he said.

Rao also instructed officials from the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and BWCC to jointly prepare a plan to address flooding in the flood-prone stretch near the Mysuru Road–Kengeri corridor.

During an inspection on Friday, Rao reviewed the progress of white-topping works on the 3.8-km stretch from Vijayanagar Telephone Exchange, via Shobha Hospital and Moodalapalya, to Nagarabhavi Circle in Govindarajanagar Division.

"As the road is narrow, traffic has been restricted and the work is being carried out in phases. The first phase, covering 250 metres, has commenced, and officials have been instructed to complete it at the earliest," a BWCC statement said.

Rao also inspected ongoing works on New BEL Road and directed officials to remove all unauthorised advertisement boards.

MSc student dies after fall from jackfruit tree on GKVK campus

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 24-year-old MSc student died after accidentally falling from a jackfruit tree while attempting to pluck fruits on the GKVK campus in north Bengaluru in the early hours of Friday, police said.

Akash K

The deceased, Akash K, a native of Kudligi and a final-year MSc (Agriculture) student, had gone with two friends — Hasan Basha and Prashanth — to pluck jamuns from a tree on the campus around 12.30 am. After collecting the fruits, the trio decided to pluck jackfruit from another tree around 1.30 am.

While climbing the jackfruit tree, Akash reportedly slipped and fell to the ground, sustaining severe head and shoulder injuries. He was rushed to the government hospital in Yelahanka and later referred to a private hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

Based on a complaint filed by Akash's parents, the Yelahanka police have registered a case of unnatural death and initiated an investigation.

Akash was an active volunteer with the National Service Scheme (NSS) and had received the President's Award for Best Volunteer. He also represented Karnataka at the Republic Day Parade in 2024.

Coming from a farming family, Akash had secured admission to the MSc (Agriculture) programme through the government quota, police said.

Two brothers die in tank at Jigani factory; safety manager arrested

BENGALURU, DHNS: Two workers suffocated to death and two others were hospitalised while cleaning a cooling tower water tank at Kumar Organics in Jigani Industrial Area on Thursday evening.

The deceased have been identified as Munna Singh (40), and his brother Lalu Singh, alias Deep Narayan (38), both natives of Uttar Pradesh. Sumit Mondal, 22, and Bijay Singh, 50, are undergoing treatment at a private hospital.

Reethu Singh, Munna's wife, stated in her complaint that he had been working in the company for 25 years.

Around 5.30 pm, the workers were cleaning sludge inside the water tank when Munna slipped and fell into it. Lalu jumped into the tank to rescue him and collapsed as well. Sumit and Bijay then attempted to save them, but also fell unconscious inside.

Other employees rushed to the spot, pulled all four out and shifted them to a nearby hospital, where the Singh brothers were declared brought dead. The other two were admitted to the ICU and their condition is said to be stable.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the company had failed to provide adequate safety equipment such as face masks, gloves, helmets and breathing apparatus before the cleaning operations began.

Jigani police arrested the company's safety manager soon after the incident came to light.

The contractor has also been booked on charges of negligence and the investigation is underway, a senior police officer said.

Gym trainer assaults wife inside court, booked

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 33-year-old woman was allegedly assaulted and threatened by her husband inside the Mayo Hall Court premises on MG Road after she had filed a dowry harassment case against him.

A senior police officer said when the woman came to attend a court hearing on Tuesday evening, her husband Vijay Kumar, a gym trainer, who had also appeared for the proceedings, picked a quarrel with her and assaulted her in front of Hall No 21.

Advocates and police personnel present at the spot intervened and restrained him.

Ashok Nagar police registered a case based on a complaint filed by the victim. The accused is yet to be interrogated.

Speaking to *DH*, the woman said that Kumar, a native of Mulbagal in Kolar district, married her in 2019 after they met during gym training.

He subsequently began harassing her for dowry. She alleged that his parents supported him and that he was involved with other women he met through the gym, exploiting them on the pretext of marriage.

The woman also said he threatened to throw her under the bus when she questioned his behaviour, police said.

City's GCC ecosystem a natural lure for Japanese companies: Consul General

Says can pave way for collaboration in tech, manufacturing

Nawata Hiroshi

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru's strength in technology, startups and global capability centres (GCCs) makes it a natural choice for Japanese companies seeking innovation and digital transformation, Japan's newly appointed Consul General Nawata Hiroshi has said.

In a freewheeling interaction with *DH*, Hiroshi said the city's ecosystem of more than 800 GCCs, a large talent pool and a thriving startup culture offer significant opportunities for deeper collaboration between Japanese investors and Indian entrepreneurs.

He said India and Japan's strategic partnership could be strengthened through innovation-led cooperation, with the city playing a central role in connecting startups, investors and industries from both countries.

"I believe there is significant untapped potential, and I look forward to supporting initiatives and working with the state government to bring Japanese companies, investors and startups closer to the city's dynamic ecosystem."

While the automotive sector continues to anchor Japanese investments in Karnataka, Hiroshi identified semiconductors, industrial automation, precision manufacturing and research and development as key areas for future collaboration.

The consul general also expressed interest in exploring partnerships in the aerospace and pharmaceutical sectors.

He noted that Japanese companies are increasingly expanding their GCC presence in the city, drawn by its engineering talent and information technology ecosystem.

On education and workforce mobility, Hiroshi spoke of efforts to create pathways for skilled workers from Karnataka to Japan. He elaborated on the Government Toolroom and Training Centre (GTTC), an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, which is preparing to send trained, language-proficient workers to Japan starting next year.

The initiative is expected to gather momentum in 2027, marking 75 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

"Japan faces a labour shortage, and India aims to boost skills development and strengthen its manufacturing sector. This project can bring benefits to both countries."

Japanese partnership for city water management

Addressing the city's urban challenges, Consul General Nawata Hiroshi said Japanese expertise in water supply and sewerage management could support its infrastructure needs.

A Japan-backed project using real-time monitoring, automation and analytics for water and sewerage management is set to be launched in Bengaluru shortly.

"This has been made available through Japanese Official Development Assistance funding, and utilising the technology and expertise of Japanese companies," he said.

IPL finals: Two cases booked following assaults in city pubs

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Ashok Nagar police and Sadashiva Nagar police have registered two separate cases after two persons were allegedly attacked by different groups during the IPL final on the night of May 31.

According to the police, in the first incident at the We Neighbourhood pub on Residency Road, a 25-year-old man identified as Khushwant Singh was assaulted by a group of four people.

As per the FIR, around 11 pm, Singh, who was with six friends at the pub, was celebrating Royal Challengers Bengaluru's win against Gujarat Titans when a group of unidentified men picked up a quarrel and assaulted him with a glass.

The Ashok Nagar police have registered a case under BNS Section 118 (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means) and launched an investigation.

The second incident occurred at Cocobolo, under the jurisdiction of the Sadashiva Nagar police.

According to the FIR, around 11.30 pm, Suhas AA, 32, a real estate dealer, was watching the match while standing near the bar counter.

Suhas was attacked by around eight to nine men who initially abused him for "not letting them watch the match".

The victim filed a complaint after receiving treatment at a hospital.

A case has been registered by the Sadashiva Nagar police, and investigation is ongoing.

Liverpool University gets nod for B'luru campus

NEW DELHI, PTI: The University of Liverpool on Thursday received a Letter of Approval from the Union Ministry of Education to set up its Bengaluru campus, marking a key step in the internationalisation of higher education under NEP 2020.

The approval was handed over by Higher Education Secretary and UGC Chairman Vineet Joshi to Professor Richard Grose, Provost of the University of Liverpool, Bengaluru, in the presence of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper.

Senior officials from India and the UK, including Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and British High Commissioner to India Lindy Cameron, also attended the event.

Courses offfered

The ministry said the Bengaluru campus will offer undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in business management, computer science, game design, finance and biomedical sciences, with plans to expand into additional disciplines in the coming years.

The campus marks another milestone in implementing NEP 2020, which promotes the internationalisation of higher education through academic collaboration, student mobility and the entry of global institutions into India, the ministry said.

Man dies after falling from train

BENGALURU, DHNS:
A 37-year-old man died when he fell from a moving train in Bengaluru, police said on Friday.

Girish K from Hosur, attempted to board the Bengaluru-Mysuru passenger train that was moving slowly at Jnanabharati Halt around 7.45 pm. He lost balance, fell and was caught between the train's wheels. Railway police were notified after the train came to a halt.

Missing woman's body found in lake

BENGALURU, DHNS: A woman who was missing for four days has been found in a lake in Kumbalgodu, police said.

Officials said the body of the deceased 29-year-old Chaitra, a resident of Kommaghatta, was floating in the lake on Thursday, which locals noticed and alerted the police, who recovered the body and sent it for autopsy procedures.

Based on their investigation, police arrested Chaitra's husband Sharath Kumar, who worked as a driver.

They had married her six years ago and lived in a rented house at Kommaghatta, police said.

Kumar has been booked under Section 80 (dowry death) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

"Based on the preliminary findings, we can conclude that the woman died on June 2. As of now, we have arrested the husband for dowry harassment.

"Our probe indicates that the woman died by suicide due to the dowry harassment," a police officer overseeing the investigation told *DH*.

'CRISPR-Cas9' kicked off on June 2.

Five-day workshop begins at MS Ramaiah College

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Departments of Biotechnology and Genetics, and Chemistry and Biochemistry at MS Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) have organised a five-day hands-on workshop titled 'Translational Applications of CRISPR-Cas9: In Vitro-Based Techniques for Biomedical Research', which commenced on June 2.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Chief Guest Dr Giridhara Kaje; Principal Dr Pushpa H; Organising Secretary and Principal Investigator Dr Ramakrishnaiah TN; Guest of Honour Prof Paturu Kondaiah; Karisiddappa; and Co-principal Investigators Dr Sowbhagya R and Dr Vasanth K Bhaskar.

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Date : June 06, 2026 (Saturday) | Time : 10.30 AM
Venue : THE LALIT ASHOK, Kumara Krupa High Grounds, Bengaluru - 560 001.

Indian students shine at VIT Mauritius

Several first-year Indian students at VIT Mauritius have secured paid internships at top-tier companies, including SWAN (Mauritius) and SBI (Mauritius), showcasing the university's industry connections and its career-focused approach.

A three-member Computer Engineering team captivated audiences with their project The VeriFIRE at the gruelling 36-hour SENSE HACK National Hackathon. Paralelly, a five-member team clinched a spot in the Top 50 at the VIT & SanDisk Hackathon 2026 with an intelligent AI-Enabled Smart Storage Management System.

Academically, the students have made significant strides by co-authoring peer-reviewed research papers, presented at international platforms, including the IEEE 15th CSNDSP 2026 at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, and the ANRF-sponsored NEleX-2026 in India.

The students further demonstrated leadership by organising TECHWAVE, a technical symposium that bridged academic concepts with practical industry applications.

These accomplishments underline VIT Mauritius's dedication to excellence, hands-on training and industry engagement, preparing students to succeed in a competitive global technology landscape.

Scholarships are available for B.Tech programmes across branches of Computer Science Engineering (CSE) Aspiring students can apply via www.vitmauritius.mu.

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Book Brahma Foundation institutes English Fiction of the Year award

BENGALURU, DHNS: City-based Book Brahma Foundation has instituted the Book Brahma–Bookworm English Fiction of the Year Award, beginning this year.

The annual award will honour the finest works of fiction translated into English from any South Indian language, published between 2023 and 2025, in India or abroad.

The award seeks to spotlight the rich and diverse literary voices of South India on a global stage.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs 1,00,000, along with a plaque and a curated bouquet of books. The prize money will be shared equally between the original author and the English translator, recognising their collaborative creative achievement.

The jury will comprise two eminent writers and one distinguished critic. The award will be presented at the Book Brahma Literature Festival 2026, scheduled from August 21 to 23, at the St John's Auditorium Complex, Koramangala. Publishers, authors, and translators are invited to submit three printed hard copies of eligible works on or before June 30 to: Book Brahma Foundation, 3rd Floor, RK Complex, KSSIDC Compound, Electronics City Phase 1, Bengaluru–560100.

Applicants must mention 'For Book Brahma–Bookworm English Fiction of the Year Award' on the envelope cover. A shortlist of five titles will be announced on July 30.

Chennai boy tops SASTRA University's engineering rank list

R Abhinav secured the 1st rank in the engineering admissions rank list of SASTRA Deemed University for the academic year 2026-27 in both Stream 1 & 2 category. Abhinav, who scored 97.8% in class XII and 99.6909 in JEE, hails from Chennai and completed schooling in Srimathi Sundaravalli Memorial School. Over 37,000 students from India registered for the admissions and the applications received upto 5 pm, on June 5, 2026, were processed and rank list released at 9 om. 50% of the seats under Stream 1 is based on Class XII aggregate and JEE Main scores while for the remaining 50% seats for Stream 2 is based on Class XII aggregate scores.

SASTRA has provided 20% of seats for students from Trichy and Thanjavur besides special provisions for students from North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar & Lakshadweep. In addition, the university also provides special scholarships for students of martyred or serving personnel of the Indian Armed forces.

"All counselling & admission related updates are available at www.sastra.edu with classes for the 2026 batch beginning on August 3, 2026" said SASTRA Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Vaidhyasubramaniam.

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Bengaluru DC Jagadeesha G shifted as Central City Corporation Commissioner

Jagadeesha

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka government on Friday transferred Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner Jagadeesha G and appointed him as Commissioner of the Bengaluru Central City Corporation.

In his place, the government has appointed Kantharaju PS, a 2019-batch IAS officer, as the new Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district.

In a separate order, the government appointed Dr Manjula N, IAS (2002 batch), as Chairperson of the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) with immediate effect. She replaces Dr Ram Prasath Manohar V, IAS (2010 batch), who has been transferred and posted as Managing Director of the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bengaluru.

Pink Line gets speed certificate, B'ghatta Rd metro likely by Aug 15

Train ops at design speed of 90 kmph cleared

MUTHI-UR-RAHMAN SIDDIQUI
BENGALURU, DHNS

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has received the much-awaited speed certificate for Pink Line trains, raising hopes that Bannerghatta Road could finally get metro connectivity by August 15.

Issued by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO), the speed certificate arrived on June 4, a senior BMRCL official said.

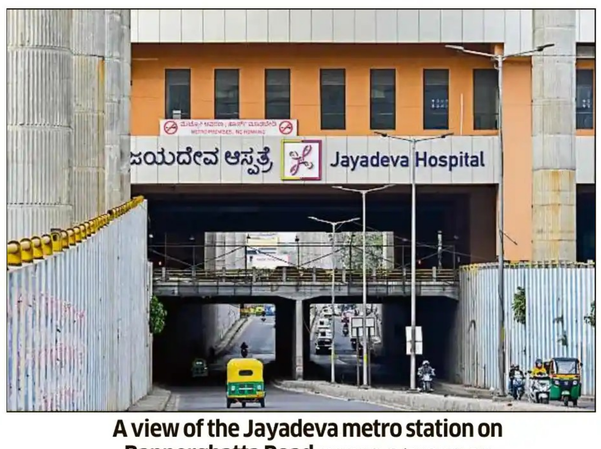
"The RDSO has not specified any speed restrictions and cleared train operations at the design speed of 90 kmph," the official told *DH*.

The RDSO conducted the 12-day oscillation trials and Emergency Braking Distance (EBD) tests from April 28 to May 9.

Oscillation trials determine the maximum safe operating speed of a train before it is approved for public service. EBD tests measure a train's ability to stop safely.

BMRCL authorities will now submit the RDSO speed certificate to the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS). "We've begun the process and need to submit documents as per a checklist," the official said.

Later this month, the CMRS is expected to conduct an inspection of the train at the Kothanur depot, reviewing maintenance facilities, including the washing plant, water jet and train-lifting pit jacks, the official explained.



A view of the Jayadeva metro station on Bannerghatta Road. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

The CMRS will then review the findings and submit its recommendations for final rolling stock approval, he added.

In the meantime, the BMRCL has started the process to obtain the Independent Safety Assessment (ISA) certificate for the signalling and train control systems provided by Siemens. The ISA validates the safety of the signalling and train control systems and their interfaces with other subsystems.

The ISA certificate will be provided by Bengaluru-based Jodova Technologies Pvt Ltd. It is among the last critical documents required before the CMRS can conduct the statutory safety inspection of the entire line.

BMRCL expects the procedures to be completed by July-end so that the Pink Line's elevated section could open by August 15.

The 7.5-km section connects Kalena Agrahara to Tavarekere via six stations, including an interchange with the Yellow Line at Jayadeva Hospital. It will expand the Bengaluru metro network to 103.6 km, helping it reclaim the second spot from Mumbai (101.43 km).

BEML has delivered six Pink Line trains and is expected to supply more in the coming weeks. Peak-hour frequency will be about five minutes, officials said.

Meanwhile, architectural finishing works — the last stage of station construction — are still ongoing. As per the BMRCL's May 2026 newsletter, overall civil work progress on the section is 98.07%.

The Pink Line's 13.75-km underground section (Dairy Circle-Nagawara) is slated to open in December. No fresh rolling stock approval is expected to be required as the same trainsets will be deployed.

Spl intensive revision of voter list in Bengaluru Urban from June 20

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has ordered a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls across Bengaluru Urban district.

The drive will begin with door-to-door verification from June 20, with the final voter list scheduled for publication on October 7.

To carry out the exercise, the government will deploy 3,320 Booth Level Officers (BLOs). The revision will cover 40,17,275 existing voters across seven Assembly constituencies: Yelahanka, Byatarayanapura, Yeshwantpur, Dasarahalli, Mahadevapura, Bangalore South, and Anekal.

The government has also set up 250 Voter Facilitation Centres at local offices to assist residents in filling out forms. Electoral rolls dating back to 2002 have been made available online to help voters verify family details and previous registrations. Voters who are unable to establish that they were enrolled in the 2002 electoral rolls must submit self-attested documents such as a passport, birth certificate or school certificate. Aadhaar cards will be accepted as proof of identity, but not as proof of citizenship, in accordance with Supreme Court directions.

Officials have urged residents to cooperate with BLOs during the verification process.

Revision schedule

- **June 20–29:** Training of officials and printing of materials.
- **June 30-July 29:** Door-to-door distribution and collection of forms by BLOs.
- **August 5:** Publication of the draft electoral roll.
- **August 5–September 4:** Period for claims, objections and corrections.
- **October 7:** Publication of the final electoral roll.

HC stays applicability of RERA Act for BDA projects prior to 2016

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a relief to the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), the High Court of Karnataka has stayed the operation and applicability of the RERA Act for the preliminary notification of acquisition prior to the commencement of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act in 2016.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed this ad-interim order in the petition filed by the BDA.

"The stay is granted to examine the applicability of the RERA, 2016, to the projects of statutory authorities like the BDA, who are implementing projects on the basis of acquisition of the land, prior to such projects being initiated, prior to the commencement of the RERA. At this stage, it would also have to be determined as to, for what kind of allotments, the RERA would be applicable and to what kind of allotments, it would not be applicable since the matter would touch upon the allotments made to several hundreds of general public," the court said, while adjourning the matter to July 6 for further consideration.

It is contended by the BDA that the RERA Authority is trying to supervise and regulate its functioning, even though it is an independent statutory body functioning under the provisions of the BDA Act. BDA is acquiring and developing lands into sites as a development and planning authority and not as any real estate agent to make profits, the petition stated.

It is stated that some allottees of the sites such as in Arkavathy Layout and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout have filed complaints before the RERA against the BDA alleging delay in completion of the layouts.

The RERA has been entertaining such plaints and is imposing costs on the BDA for not registering the projects with them and for the delay in completion of the project, the petition stated.

The BDA moved the court after the Real Estate Appellate Tribunal dismissed its plea holding that RERA has jurisdiction to entertain petitions against BDA as expressly mentioned in section 2(zk) of the RERA Act.

The BDA submitted that the question as to whether a statutory authority like BDA with its varied functions and responsibilities be subjected to the regulatory and supervisory jurisdiction of RERA requires consideration.

"By virtue of Section 81-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, the BDA is the local planning authority for the area comprising the Bengaluru city and thus is charged with power, function and duties of a planning authority. Hence, BDA is not a Development Authority simpliciter to fall within the definition of Promoter as defined under Section 2(zk)(3) of RERA Act," the petition said.

GBA officials, RTI activist arrested for accepting Rs 2-lakh bribe

BENGALURU, DHNS: Two GBA officials and an RTI activist were arrested by the Lokayukta police on Friday for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 2 lakh.

The accused have been identified as Nagabhushan G, 59, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) of the Kodigehalli Subdivision, GBA North; Praveen AR, 51, Assistant Engineer in the same subdivision; and Mansoor Ali, 40, a real estate worker and RTI activist residing in AMCO Layout, Kodigehalli.

According to officials, the complainant, a resident of Kadugodi, alleged that Nagabhushan had issued a notice regarding an alleged illegal construction at the Aarayn Enclair apartment complex. Subsequently, Praveen demanded a bribe to resolve the matter. The accused are said to have initially sought Rs 3 lakh.

Acting on the complaint, the Lokayukta police laid a trap and caught the accused red-handed while accepting Rs 2 lakh. A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway.

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Children with their parents, from whom they received life-saving organ transplants.

Stories of child transplant recipients inspire organ donation

BENGALURU, DHNS A mother donating her kidney to her son, a grandmother stepping forward to save her grandson, and a father donating a portion of his liver to his toddler daughter are among the inspiring stories highlighted on the occasion of World Transplant Day, which falls on June 6.

One such story is that of Varun Anand, who underwent a kidney transplant at the age of nine after being diagnosed with chronic kidney disease. His mother, Deepa, donated one of her kidneys to him, giving him a new lease on life.

Despite the challenges, Varun continued to pursue his passion for sports after the transplant. Varun went on to participate in the World Transplant Games, an international sporting event for organ recipients, donors and their families. Trained by his father, Anand, he won three gold medals in his age group in tennis, table tennis and badminton.

Deepa, his donor, also took part in several sporting events and won multiple medals, demonstrating that organ donors can continue to lead healthy and active lives.

Another inspiring case is that of Lirisha, who was born with liver cirrhosis and underwent a life-saving liver transplant with a donation from her father, Manjunath.

"We initially registered for a cadaver transplant, but we were unsuccessful. As time passed, I became increasingly worried and decided to donate a part of my liver. After the transplantation, she is now healthy," said Manjunath.

While parental organ donation has become relatively common, a remarkable story emerged from Ananthpura, where a grandmother donated her kidney to her grandson, Ganadakshay.

Ganadakshay's twin brother, Gowtham, had earlier suffered kidney failure and received a transplant from their mother. When Ganadakshay later developed kidney failure, his grandmother stepped forward and donated one of her kidneys, ensuring he, too, got a second chance at life.

Doctors, transplant recipients and donor families used the occasion to encourage people to embrace organ donation and help save lives, stressing that a single donation can offer hope and a future to those in need.

Mallikarjun Kharge's net worth up 92% in six years, shows affidavit

Cong veteran files nomination for RS polls from Karnataka

BENGALURU, DHNS

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has declared assets worth Rs 38.7 crore in his Rajya Sabha election affidavit, reporting a 92% increase in net worth over the past six years.

Kharge, accompanied by Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, former chief minister Siddaramaiah and Karnataka Congress president B K Hariprasad, filed his nomination at Vidhana Soudha.

According to his affidavit, Kharge and his wife Radha Bai own movable assets worth Rs 11.3 crore.

Their immovable assets are worth Rs 27.39 crore.

In June 2020, Kharge had declared a net worth of Rs 20.12 crore. This included movable assets of Rs 3.79 crore and immovable properties worth Rs 16.32 crore.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge arrives with LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi hand-in-hand to file his papers for Rajya Sabha poll, at Vidhana Soudha on Friday.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi gestures during a guided tour of Assembly given by Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Health Minister, also former Speaker, U T Khader, on Friday.

Kharge and his wife own agricultural lands in Kalaburagi and other properties in Bengaluru, the affidavit shows.

The Congress veteran has five pending criminal cases, according to his latest affidavit. All the cases were filed in Assam for "allegedly making statements during a political address, which the complainant claims promoted enmity," the affidavit states.

"Our MLAs and leaders have chosen me. The election is due on June 18. Perhaps, on that day, everyone will elect the Congress candidate with unity," Kharge told reporters.

The Congress has picked its secretary Mansoor Ali Khan and media & publicity chairperson Pawan Khera for the June 18 election.Khan and Khera are yet to file their nominations.

Rahul gets Assembly tour

Top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was given a tour of the Karnataka Assembly on Friday.

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, Home Minister Priyank Kharge and Health Minister U T Khader (the former Speaker) showed Rahul around the Assembly.

"It's well made," Rahul said. Khader particularly told Rahul about the Speaker's chair, which is made of rosewood.

"Rahul had some time to spare. So, instead of wasting time, we cancelled lunch at the Taj hotel and visited the Assembly. Priyanka Gandhi has seen the Belagavi Assembly. Rahul was happy seeing the Assembly," Shivakumar said.

Ramaiah Institute of Technology showcases student innovation through 446 projects

(Left to right) MR Kodandarama, Director of RIT, Chief Guest, Suhas Gopinath, alumnus of RIT and CEO of Global Inc., MR Janakiram, Vice Chairman of Gokula Education Foundation and Dr NVR Naidu, Principal of RIT, at the event

Ramaiah Institute of Technology (RIT) hosted its annual Project Exhibition, which was inaugurated by Suhas Gopinath, alumnus of RIT and CEO of Global Inc.; MR Janakiram, Vice Chairman of Gokula Education Foundation; and MR Kodandarama, Director of RIT. About 446 projects from 17 departments were displayed across 150 stalls; shortlisted from over 1,700 submissions.

At the event, Suhas Gopinath encouraged students to embrace continuous learning in an era increasingly shaped by AI. He said, "It is true that Artificial Intelligence has impacted the IT industry. However, those who do not upgrade their skills face greater risks. Professionals must focus on skill development, while students should be given greater exposure to practical learning."

MR Kodandarama said the exhibition offered an important platform for students to showcase their creativity, technical knowledge and problem-solving abilities. "Through their projects, students have demonstrated how various problems can be addressed with innovative solutions," he said.

Among the key attractions was a Hybrid Bike Project that adapts the principles of hybrid-car technology for motorcycles, highlighting the potential for greater fuel efficiency and sustainability in two-wheelers. Other projects also focused on rainwater conservation, Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality (AR/VR), smart grids and other emerging technologies aimed at addressing contemporary societal and industrial challenges.

The exhibition reflected RIT's emphasis on experiential learning and innovation, giving students an opportunity to translate classroom knowledge into practical applications while engaging with industry leaders, faculty and peers.

Among those present were Dr NVR Naidu, Principal, Ramaiah Institute of Technology; Dr HV Parshwanath, Chief Executive, Gokula Education Foundation; and Dr Karisiddappa, Advisor, Gokula Education Foundation.

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Ex-Congress functionary complains to cops on 'fake audio'

DAVANGERE, DHNS: The Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police have registered a first information report (FIR) following a complaint by former KPCC Minority Wing vice-president Mohammad Siraj regarding an alleged audio clip purportedly featuring a conversation between him and former minister Zameer Ahmed Khan.

Siraj has been expelled from the party on alleged anti-party activities.

In the complaint, Siraj alleged that miscreants have circulated the fake audio on social media in which Khan is heard asking Siraj to ensure that Muslim voters would vote for SDPI during the bypolls to the Davangere South assembly constituency held in April, as part of a political conspiracy against Khan and him.

'Bring culprits to justice'

He urged the police to conduct a thorough probe into the issue and bring the culprits to justice.

A preliminary investigation was conducted based on the complaint filed by Mohammad Siraj and an FIR has been registered, and a full investigation will be conducted, the police said.

Reddy's resignation: More wickets will fall, says BJP

'DKS has shown his habit of breaking promises'

BENGALURU, DHNS

The BJP poked fun at the governing Congress following senior lawmaker Ramalinga Reddy's resignation as a minister, with Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka claiming that "more wickets will fall" in the D K Shivakumar government.

"It is impossible to see a day without infighting in Congress," Ashoka said. "Wickets are falling. There are signs that many more wickets will fall. But who is that skilled spin bowler taking these wickets?"

Ashoka pointed out that Chief Minister D K Shivakumar had promised Reddy the Bengaluru Development portfolio. "There's nothing wrong with Reddy, who has vast experience in Bengaluru, asking for the portfolio. However, Shivakumar has already shown his habit of breaking promises. He had promised to make Satish Jarkiholi the party president," he said.

R ASHOKA
Leader of the Opposition

"Wickets are falling. There are signs that many more wickets will fall. But who is that skilled spin bowler taking these wickets?

Both Ashoka and BJP state president B Y Vijayendra warned of an early election in the state.

"First, they were fighting over the CM's chair. Now, they are fighting over ministerial posts and portfolios," Vijayendra said. "The BJP's expectation that the Congress government - consumed by corruption, lust for power and competition for lucrative positions - will collapse very soon is proving to be true. Reddy's resignation is evidence that the state is headed towards midterm polls," he predicted.

HC upholds land acquisition for Banashankari VI stage project

BENGALURU, DHNS: A Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka has upheld the acquisition of lands at Hemmigepura and Ganakallu villages of Kengeri Hobli for Bangalore Development Authority's (BDA) Banashankari VI stage project. A division bench comprising Justices D K Singh and S Rachaiah also imposed Rs 50,000 cost upon the landowners, who were petitioners before the single bench.

The preliminary notification for Banashankari VI stage was issued on November 15, 2000, and the final notification on August 21, 2001. The petitioners challenged the acquisition in 2022. The division bench noted that the finding of the single bench that the acquisition proceedings in respect of the Banashankari VI stage had lapsed insofar as the petitioners' land is concerned is incorrect.It also noted that the preliminary notification issued for 2,138 acres 4 guntas, whereas the government had approved the scheme for 1,598 acres 2 guntas. The petitioners themselves admitted in the writ petition that the possession of 1,203 acres 18.5 guntas was taken by the BDA, the court said.

"The Single Judge has ignored the vital aspect of development and formation of the sites, roads, parks, public amenities and substantial implementation of the scheme. Once the land got vested in the State/Authority, free from all encumbrances, there was no question of quashing the land acquisition by the writ Court particularly, in subsequent writ petition which was nothing but a gross abuse of the process of the Court," the bench said.

DRUMMING UP SUPPORT

Chamarajpet MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan's supporters stage a protest at Freedom Park on Friday, demanding that he be made a deputy chief minister. The protest was organised on a day when top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was in the city for party president Mallikarjun Kharge's Rajya Sabha nomination filing. Khan did not make it to the first list of 13 lawmakers who were sworn in as ministers.

CM holds on to BDA, BMRDA, KBG gets limited B'luru portfolio

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar has retained direct control over Bengaluru's two influential departments - Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) - even after he allocated the Greater Bengaluru Development portfolio to Byatarayanapura MLA Krishna Byre Gowda.

The allocation marks a rare division of Bengaluru's development responsibilities -- which is among the prime portfolios in the state -- between two ministers.

Now, Gowda has been entrusted with overseeing the newly constituted Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Namma Metro, while the chief minister has kept under his charge the agencies that oversee some of the city's biggest land and infrastructure projects.

Notably, the BDA is preparing to allot nearly 33,000 sites in the K Shivaram Karanth Layout, which is coming up in North Bengaluru. It is implementing the Rs 27,000-crore Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC), formerly known as the Peripheral Ring Road. The agency is also pursuing the proposed Rs 1,200-crore Hebbal short tunnel project and several high-rise residential developments.

Similarly, BMRDA and its sister concern Greater Bengaluru Development Authority (GBDA) is in the advance stage of forming the ambitious Bidadi Township project in Bengaluru South, a proposal that has received strong backing from Shivakumar during his tenure as Bengaluru Development Minister.

Byre Gowda's responsibilities, meanwhile, will largely revolve around the newly formed GBA and the five city corporations. Elections to these corporations are expected to be held by September-end following years of delay.

The split in Bengaluru Development portfolio is unusual. Traditionally, chief ministers have either retained the portfolio themselves or assigned all Bengaluru-centric departments to a single minister.

A somewhat similar arrangement existed during B S Yediyurappa's tenure in 2008, when Rajajinagar MLA Suresh Kumar was entrusted with the BWSSB portfolio in addition to the Law and Urban Development departments.

However, the current division leaves the chief minister in direct control of the agencies driving Bengaluru's large infrastructure projects and land approvals, while Byre Gowda oversees civic administration and service delivery.

There is also lack of clarity on the allocation of town and country planning portfolio.

Home Minister Priyank Kharge meets top cops

BENGALURU, DHNS: Home Minister Priyank Kharge on Friday visited the office of Director General and Inspector General of (DG&IGP) and met senior IPS officers.

Kharge replaced G Parameshwara as the Home Minister in the new Cabinet led by D K Shivakumar.

Priyank Kharge

Kharge held a meeting with officers of the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP) and above serving in Bengaluru.

Sources said while majorly customary, the meeting focused on what was expected of the state police force going forward.

DG&IGP and Head of Police Force (HoPF) M A Saleem, DGP (Cyber Command) Pronab Mohanty, DGP Prashant Kumar Thakur were among the attendees, as per an official release.

Monsoon sets over K'taka coast; heavy rains batter DK, Udupi

BENGALURU, DHNS

A day after the onset of southwest monsoon over Kerala, heavy rains lashed the coastal districts of Karnataka with Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts experiencing intense downpour.

A portion of national highway has caved in at Mijar in Moodbidri while a landslide was reported at Bandaje forest near Belthangady under Kudremukh Wildlife Sanctuary.

Many parts of Dakshina Kannada district, including Mangaluru city, started receiving heavy rain from Thursday night. It continued to pour intermittently on Friday.

The intense rainfall flooded several low-lying areas including Kottara Chowki, Kodiyalbail and Karangalpadi. Motorists had a torrid time in negotiating the flooded roads.

Surathkal recorded 73 mm of rain in the last 24 hours ending 8.30 am on Friday. Ullal registered 71 mm of rain.

In Udupi, Kaup Palimaru received 70 mm of rain while Hejmady and Kundapur Trasi experienced 68 mm and 67 mm of rain, respectively. Waterlogging at several points in the Karavali bypass and Ambalpadi bypass caused grave hardships to the motorists.

Heavy rainfall pounded the taluks in coastal half of Uttara Kannada. Karwar, Honnavar and Bhatkal towns received heavy showers intermittently on Friday.

All three coastal districts are expected to receive heavy rainfall in the next five days. The India Meteorological Department has sounded an orange alert in the region.

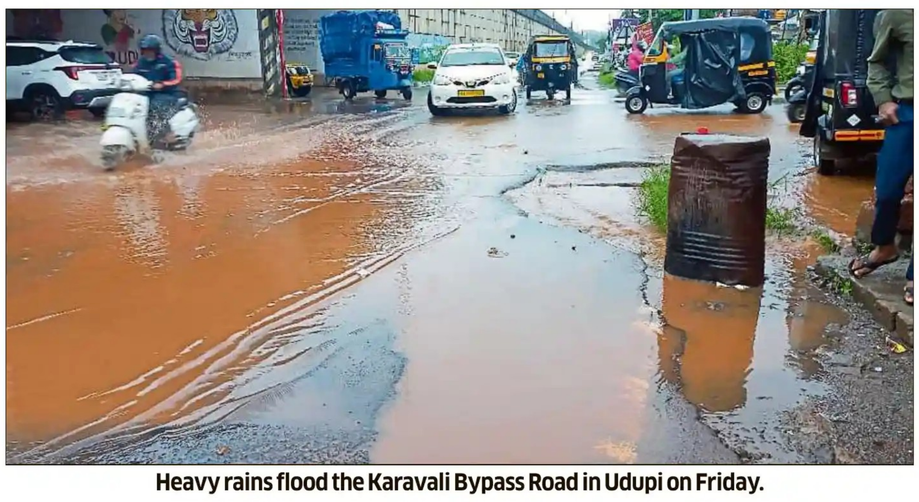
The conditions are favourable for the onset of monsoon in most parts of Malnad and several parts of old Mysuru region. Most parts of Chikkamagaluru and Kodagu districts witnessed overcast skies and spells of light to moderate showers throughout the day.

Down south, the Male Mahadeshwara and Cauvery wildlife sanctuaries in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar have come alive following copious rains in the last one month. The pre-monsoon showers have filled the water holes, the lifelines for animals in wildlife sanctuaries.

Meanwhile, a few parts of north Karnataka, including Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Gadag districts, continued to experience thundershowers, accompanied by thunder and lightning, on Friday.

A youth was struck dead by lightning at Rajoor village near Gajendragad of Gadag district. The incident occurred when Prashant Sharanappa Huded (19) was working at his farm, along with his mother and a brother.

While Prashant died in the lightning strike his mother and brother escaped unhurt.



Heavy rains flood the Karavali Bypass Road in Udupi on Friday.

A portion of national highway at Mijar in Moodbidri, Dakshina Kannada district, caves in following downpour on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday. DH PHOTOS

Wife of senior IPS officer killed in elephant attack in Kodagu

MADIKERI, DHNS: Sandhya Achaya (51), wife of senior IPS officer Annalamada Sunil Achaya, was killed in an elephant attack at a plantation in Konanakatte village near Titimati in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district on Friday.

Sandhya, a resident of Delhi, had come to the district two days ago to attend a relative's marriage. She, along with her relatives, went to her plantation at Konanakatte after attending the function.

During their visit, an elephant reportedly charged at the group.

While the others managed to flee to safety, Sandhya tripped and fell. She suffered severe injuries, after the elephant trampled her. Sandhya died while being shifted to a nearby hospital.

Sunil's sister Sapna, Lakshman Anand and Dinesh suffered minor injuries due to fall while escaping the charging jumbo.

Sandhya's husband Sunil is a senior IPS officer serving with the Union government.

He had worked in various central government departments and embassies. They have daughters.

The Gonikoppa police have registered a case.

As many as eight people, including four women, were killed and more than 10 suffered injuries in the man-elephant conflicts in the hilly district since January.

The aggrieved villagers have complained that apart from shooing away the jumbos when they venture into villages or plantations, the government has done precious little to address the menace.

They demanded the forest department to come up with a permanent solution.

New MBBS grads to be directly appointed to govt hospitals: Khader

BENGALURU, DHNS: Minister for Health and Family Welfare U T Khader on Friday, held his first meeting with the health department officials and instructed them to directly appoint MBBS graduates to government hospitals to fill the vacant positions across the state. The medical graduates interested in serving in government hospitals can directly submit their applications to the respective District Health Officers (DHOs) and attend a direct interview. Selected candidates will be appointed and posted within one week with a monthly emolument of Rs 60,000.

CM change sign of growing public anger against Cong misrule: Modi

'Drubbing in polls indicates country doesn't want anarchy'

SATISH JHA
AHMEDABAD, DHNS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Congress, claiming that the party's decision to change its chief minister in Karnataka reflected growing public resentment against the state government.

Modi also alleged that, over the past 12 years, the Congress had repeatedly attempted to create "chaos and uncertainty" in its bid to return to power, but had failed each time.

The prime minister said this while addressing a public event in Surat after inaugurating the laying foundation stone for development projects worth Rs 18,772 crore.

"For the past 12 years, Congress has been trying to create opportunities by spreading chaos and uncertainty... but the people of the country have repeatedly given them a fitting reply...people are fed up in states where Congress is in power... In Karnataka too, Congress had to replace its chief minister due to deep anger among the people."

On June 3, D K Shivakumar replaced MS Siddaramaiah as Karnataka chief minister.

Modi also cited recent drubbing of Congress in the local elections in West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat. He said that all these elections gave clear indication that the "country doesn't want anarchy and uncertainty."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets the gathering during the inauguration and laying of foundation stones of various development projects, in Surat district, Gujarat on Friday. Union Minister CR Patil and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel are also seen. PTI PHOTO

He said that in Himachal Pradesh, where Congress is in power, the party lost the local election. "The people of Himachal Pradesh are fed up with its misrule. Similarly, people in Haryana and Punjab also gave a clear message to Congress."

He also mentioned the West Bengal election result in which BJP defeated Trinamool Congress. He said that results were widely discussed during his visit to five countries.

"India has moved far beyond negativity. This is a country of unlimited optimism. A country full of extraordinary aspirations," the prime minister said.

During his speech, the prime minister also mentioned projects such as the Vadodara–Mumbai Expressway, Dedicated Freight Corridor, and Bullet Train, which he said, "reflected the priority of India."

"Today a major section of the Vadodara–Mumbai Expressway has been inaugurated. This will provide better connectivity between two major industrial and trade centers of the country.

On the Hazira facility of Larsen & Toubro, he mentioned, "What self-reliant India means is clearly visible in Hazira. Hazira today is not just an industrial area. It has become an ecosystem where there is energy, steel, defence production, ports, and global trade."

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

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One down for DKS govt as Reddy quits

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Shivakumar said he would talk to Reddy. "He is a very senior leader. It is true that I told him he would get the Bengaluru Development portfolio after I became the CM. But the high command has decided to give it to Krishna Byre Gowda," he said.

"Reddy's grouse is that he has lived his life and done politics in Bengaluru. What he is asking isn't wrong. We have to try and convince him."

Apparently, the high command has told Shivakumar to accept Reddy's resignation if he does not get convinced.

Senior legislator H K Patil termed Reddy's resignation a "massive wake-up call" for the party. There is also heartburn within the Cabinet over 'junior' ministers getting key portfolios. "Everybody wanted a promotion. As far as I am concerned, I am neither happy nor sad," Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi said.

Late Friday night, Shivakumar met Reddy at a private hotel in Jayanagar, reported PTI.

EU flags 365 Indian products with pesticides, heavy metals

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There were other pesticides and chemicals found in various materials. For instance, a test on "organic ashwagandha root" was rejected by Spanish authorities because it was found to be containing cypermethrin, a pesticide whose limited reintroduction in the EU has become controversial, along with chlorpyrifos.

The government's restriction Tricyclazole, banned in the EU for its long-term mutagenic effects, has not worked as it was found in 53 products, mainly rice. Monocrotophos, dichlorvos and phorates were among other products that led to the rejection at the EU border.

DH sent a detailed query to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority but received no response after waiting for two working days. Another query addressed to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) did not get any response during the same time.

Major contaminants in Indian products

Contaminant / Hazard Group	Number of Products Flagged
Chlorpyrifos	117
Tricyclazole	53
Ethylene Oxide	39
Lead	9
Cadmium	9
Monocrotophos	9
Cypermethrin	7
Mercury	5
Mineral Oils (MOSH/MOAH)	5
Glycidyl Esters	4
Erucic Acid	4

No accountability

Public policy expert Narasimha Reddy Donthi said the rejections show lack of accountability. "The Government of India is not investigating where the contamination is taking place. Everytime the issue comes to the fore, blame game starts, which ultimately ends with the blame placed on the farmers. However, farmers don't use pesticides like ethylene oxide. It is the storage units that depend on the pesticide. But we don't have a system where a product is checked at every stage," he said.

A D Dileep Kumar of the Pesticide Action Network-India noted that India was among the handful of countries which opposed the ban on chlorpyrifos proposed by the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. "In 2020, the government issued a draft notification proposing to ban 27 toxic pesticides, including chlorpyrifos. But it soon made a U-turn on several of them. Now, the pesticide that has got exemption is costing farmers," he added.

It can be recalled that on April 24, 2024, *DH* had reported that the EU rejected or removed from markets 527 Indian products between September 2020 and April 2024 for containing ethylene oxide and other contaminants. At the time, the Centre had promised strict action to ensure quality reviews.

Environmental activists and volunteers came together to plant saplings across the city on Friday, marking World Environment Day.

B'luru marks World Environment Day with tree drives, green pledges across sectors

BENGALURU, DHNS: Government offices, transport corporations and local communities across the city marked World Environment Day on Friday with tree plantation drives, anti-plastic campaigns and green pledges.

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) launched a drive to plant at least 10 saplings at every bus depot. Senior officials said its 1,750 electric buses save 3 lakh kilograms of carbon emissions daily. Solar panels on BMTC buildings also contribute to clean energy generation.

"Protecting nature is our shared social duty and we must adopt eco-friendly lifestyles to fight rising pollution," a BMTC official said.

At the KSR Bengaluru Railway Station, the South Western Railway (SWR) concluded its Climate Change campaign. Railway Chief Ashutosh Kumar Singh led staff and passengers in taking a green pledge. Scouts and Guides performed a short play on the dangers of plastic, and the team distributed cloth bags to passengers.

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) launched a website to enable the public to participate in a tree plantation drive on June 27. BDA Chairman NA Haris said the authority aims to plant 15 lakh saplings to restore the city's 'Garden City' character. The Karnataka Central Diocese, led by Bishop Vincent Vinod Kumar, began a month-long drive to plant more than 1,000 trees across churches and schools.

At Kuvempu Park, residents and 50 schoolchildren from the HSR Citizen Forum participated in a 'Feed the Soil' drive, nourishing local plants with organic compost made from household kitchen waste. Forum president BNS Ratnakar said healthy soil is the foundation for a healthy planet.

India's GDP grows at 7.7% in FY26, beats estimates

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"India's growth momentum remains strong! GDP growth rate of 7.7% in FY 2025-26 and 7.8% in Q4 of FY 2025-26 reflect the inherent strength of our economy, the success of reforms and the hard work of 140 crore Indians," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"We shall leave no stone unturned to further 'Ease of Living,' 'Ease of Doing Business' and increase opportunities for our youth," Modi said in a post on X. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also reiterated the government's commitment to "further drive the 'Reform Express' with decisive policy measures to ensure positive economic momentum amidst the global challenges."

The NSO released the full year FY26 GDP with the new base year 2022-23. The FY26 growth is the highest in four years. It stood at 7.1% FY25 and 7.2% in FY24 at constant 2022-23 prices.

The nominal GDP growth in FY26 was 8.9%, down from 9.7% recorded in the previous year.

The real GDP or GDP at constant prices is estimated at Rs 323.12 lakh crore in the FY 2025-26, while the nominal GDP or GDP at current prices is estimated to attain a level of Rs 346.36 lakh crore during the same year. The difference is because of inflation adjustments.

The GDP growth is projected to decline sharply in the current financial year. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday lowered its projection on India's economic growth for FY27 to 6.6%.

"Growth is set to weaken amid multiple headwinds, including higher prices of crude and other commodities, softer global growth and forecast of a below-normal monsoon," said Dharmakirti Joshi, Chief Economist, Crisil.

Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran expressed hope that India's GDP growth may bounce back to above 7% in FY28 despite slipping in the current fiscal.

"Even if the growth were to slip below 7% (in FY27) as the RBI forecast suggests, macro stability measures and supply assurances will bring us back to a 7% plus growth track in FY28 or as soon as external conditions improve," Nageswaran told reporters.

"While multiple risks in terms of inflationary pressures, imminent rate hikes, and persistent volatility continue to cast a shadow over FY27 expectations, today's GDP print raises hope of limited disruptions as domestic strength offsets external pressure," said Rajni Thakur, Chief Economist, L&T Finance.

BYV ropes in seniors for party activities

BENGALURU, DHNS: BJP state president B Y Vijayendra (BYV) on Friday deployed senior leaders, including Union minister Pralhad Joshi, to oversee the party's organisational activities.

The move comes in the backdrop of seniors repeatedly complaining of being sidelined. According to a press release, the BJP's core committee members have been deputed as 'pramukhs' to 10 organisational divisions of the party. Joshi has been given the Dharwad division from where he is elected to the Lok Sabha.

Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka will head the Mysuru division. Nirmal Kumar Surana (Mangaluru), Nalin Kumar Kateel (Shivamogga), C T Ravi (Belagavi), Govind Karjol (Kalaburagi), Basavaraj Bommai (Ballari), B Sriramulu (Davangere), Dr C N Ashwath Narayan (Bengaluru Rural) and D V Sadananda Gowda (Bengaluru) have been appointed as divisional 'pramukhs' as well.

The party's office-bearers have been attached as 'pramukhs' to each of the 39 organisational districts.

Cong names Vinay Karthik as 5th Council poll candidate

BENGALURU, DHNS: The AICC on Friday announced Vinay Karthik as its fifth candidate for the biennial elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council, where MLAs will elect seven members to the Upper House. Earlier this week, the party had named four candidates The polls are scheduled for June 18. The last date for filing nominations is June 8.

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Established under the State Financial Corporation's Act 1951)
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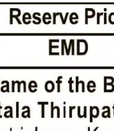
-: SALE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND @ MYSURU THROUGH e-auction :-

The assets of the following units taken over u/s 29 of SFC's Act. 1951 areavailable for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** through e-auction.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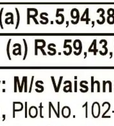
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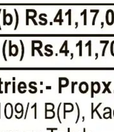
Battala Thirupathamma

Name of the Secured Creditors	KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, BRANCH OFFICE, MYSORE

1) Name of the Borrower: 1. M/s Krishna Industries, Propr. V Suresh, Plot No. 67, Sy.No. (s)7/2-part, Kadakola Industrial area, Kadakola Village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk.
E auction No. KSFC/2026-27/ACTION316/317.

Details of the assets for sale: (a) Land & Building: 21,528.53 sq.ft industrial land and building (1) 10248 sq.ft gable type roof with GI sheet on MS Trusses. (2) 896 Ground and First floor RCC building (3) 896 sq.ft Gable type GI sheets roof First Floor, RCC building etc.

(b) Plant & Machinery: 3 TPH Self fabricated Gram flour mill comprising of cleaners, destoner, dehusker, Automatic Roaster 02 sets, Chakki, bucket elevators, etc., (without motors).

Reserve Price	(a) Rs.3,18,10,000/-	(b) Rs.54,00,000/-
EMD	(a) Rs. 31,81,000/-	(b) Rs. 5,40,000/-

2) Name of the Borrower: M/s Balaji Industries: Propr. Sri. V.Suresh, Plot No.125, Sy. No.112P, 3-192-P, KIADB Industrial Area, Adakanhalli Grama, Chikkaiahnachathra Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District.
E-Auction No. KSFC/2026-27/ACTION325/326.

Details of the assets for sale : (a) Land & Building: 2 Acre Industrial land and building (1) 30940 sq.ft gable type roof with GI sheet on MS Trusses.

(b) Plant & Machinery: 3 TPH Self fabricated Fried gram processing machineries comprising of rollers, elevators, destoners, Silo's-04 Nos, ovens, dehusker, Automatic Roaster 02 sets, Chakki, hoppers electric. 03 Nos etc., 62.5 KVA Distribution

Reserve Price	(a) Rs.6,44,23,000/-	(b) Rs.45,75,000/-
EMD	(a) Rs. 64,42,300/-	(b) Rs. 4,57,500/-

3) Name of the Borrower: M/s Sri Rama Industries: Propr. Sri. V.Suresh, Plot No.13-P-13 and 267 part, Sy.No.96, Koorgally industrial Area, Koorgally Grama, Ilwala Hobli, Mysuru Taluk.
E-Auction No. KSFC/2026-27/ACTION322/324.

Details of the assets for sale : (a) Land & Building: 1/2 Acre Industrial land and building (1) 12240 sq.ft gable type roof with GI sheet on M/s Trusses. (2) 2880 Sq.ft RCC building ground and first floor.

(b) Plant & Machinery: 3 TPH Self fabricated Dal mill machinery comprising of Cleaners, destoner, dehusker, Automatic Roaster 02 sets with MS Trusses silos-04 No., Chakki, Siever (Jaradi) with ducts, bucket elevators-04 Nos, Manual cart-02 Nos, MS Hoppers -02 Nos. Indian digital weighing scale 100 kgs cap-01 Nos etc., (Without motors).

Reserve Price	(a) Rs.3,59,45,000/-	(b) Rs. 37,35,000/-
EMD	(a) Rs.35,94,500/-	(b) Rs.3,73,500/-

4) Name of the Borrower: M/s Shiva Industries: Propr. Sri. D.V.Narayana, Plota No.13-P-13 part, Sy.No.96, Koorgally industrial Area, Koorgally Grama, Ilwala Hobli, Mysuru Taluk.
E-Auction No. KSFC/2026-27/ACTION320/321.

Details of the assets for sale : (a) Land & Building: 1/2 Acre Industrial land and building (1) 12060 sq.ft gable type roof with GI sheet on MS Trusses.

(b) Plant & Machinery: 3 TPH Self fabricated Dal mill machinery comprising of Cleaners, destoner, dehusker, Automatic Roaster 02 sets, Chakki, bucket elevators, etc., (Without motors).

Reserve Price	(a) Rs.3,36,20,000/-	(b) Rs. 58,60,000/-
EMD	(a) Rs. 33,62,000/-	(b) Rs. 5,86,000/-

5) Name of the Borrower: M/s Venkateshwara Industries: Propr. Sri. D V Narayana, Plot No.126, Sy.No.112P, KIADB Industrial Area, Adakanahalli Grama, Chikkaiahnachathra Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District.
E-Auction No. KSFC/2026-24/ACTION327/328.

Details of the assets for sale : (a) Land & Building:
2 Acre Industrial land and D V Narayana building (1) 18000 sq.ft gable type roof with GI sheet on MS Trusses. (2) 10000 sq.ft Additional building constructed with lean -02 roof on MS Trusses corrugated GI Sheet adjacent. (3) 8610 sq.ft Additional building, (open type) constructed with lean -02 roof on MS Trusses corrugated GI Sheet adjacent.

(b) Plant & Machinery: 4 TPH Self fabricated Fried gram processing machineries comprising of rollers, elevators, destoners, Silo's-04 Nos, ovens, dehusker, Automatic Roaster 02 sets, Chakki, hoppers electric. 03 Nos etc., 62.5 KVA Distribution

Reserve Price	(a) Rs.5,94,38,000/-	(b) Rs.41,17,000/-
EMD	(a) Rs.59,43,800/-	(b) Rs.4,11,700/-

6) Name of the Borrower: M/s Vaishnavi Industries:- Propx. Smt. Battala Thirupathamma, Plot No. 102-C, Sy.No.109/1 B(P), Kadakola Industrial area, Kadakola Village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk,
E auction No. KSFC/2026-27/ACTION318/319.

Details of the assets for sale : (a) Land & Building: 17,524.22 sq.ft industrial land and building (1) 814.25 sq.ft gable type roof with GI sheet on MS Trusses. (2) 163.56 Ground and First floor RCC building (3) 635.99 sq.ft Gable type GI sheets roof First Floor etc.

(b) Plant & Machinery: 3 TPH Fried gram Self fabricated manufacturing comprising of destoner, Siever, Roaster bucket Conveyors, Control Panel etc.,

Reserve Price	(a) Rs.3,15,15,000/-	(b) Rs. 59,35,000/-
EMD	(a) Rs. 31,51,500/-	(b) Rs.5,93,500/-
Date & time of inspection of the assets	19.06.2026 at 11 AM to 1 PM.	19.06.2026 at 11 AM to 1 PM.

7) Name of the Borrower : M/s Somu Industries, Propr. Somasundar R, Plot No.20, Sy.No. (s) 104P, 106P, Adakanahalli Industrial Area, Adakanahalli Village, Chikkaiahnachathra Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District.
E-Auction No. KSFC/2026-27/ACTION329.

Details of the assets for sale : (a) Land & Building: 17,749.84 sq.feet industrial land and building foundation & other Civil Works.

Reserve Price	Rs.1,47,07,000/-	EMD	Rs.14,70,700/-

Date & time of inspection of the assets : [Sl.No.1,2,5,6 & 7] 19.06.2026 at 11 AM to 1 PM. & [Sl No.3 & 4] 20.06.2026 at 11 AM to 1 PM.

Commencement of e-auction	07.07.2026 at 11.00 AM	07.07.2026 at 11.00 AM
Closure of e-auction	16.07.2026 at 11.00 AM	16.07.2026 at 11.00 AM
Last date to pay EMD & Time	ON OR BEFORE 06.07.2026 WITHIN 4.00 PM	ON OR BEFORE 06.07.2026 WITHIN 4.00 PM

Detailed Terms and Conditions of sale through E-auction are available in website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For more details to participate in E-auction please contact e-procurement **help desk no.91-9240214000/ 91-9240214001,** 4th Floor, Sri Aravinda Bhavana, Mythic Society Compound, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001, are contact the authorized officer and Branch Manager, KSFC. BO Mysuru on mobile No. **9448789126/ 9880701752.**

Date: 02.06.2026
Place : Mysore
Sd/-
Branch Manager.

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WALK - IN - INTERVIEW

Recruitment for the various Teaching posts **On Contract basis at Bagalkote Medical College and Research Institute, Bagalkote**

The Special officer, Bagalkote Medical & Research Institute, Bagalkote, invites application for following Teaching posts in prescribed form on Contract Basis, Interested & eligible candidates may submit their application along with all Self attested documents by hand or through post to Special Officer, Bagalkote Medical College and Research Institute, District Hospital Campus, Sector No. 11, Navanagar Bagalkote, on or before 15.06.2026. The Walk-in-interview date for eligible candidates will be informed later.

Sl. No.	Cadre	RPC	KK	TOTAL	Consolidated pay per month	Qualification
1	Professor	16	1	17	Rs. 1,05,000/-	As per NMC Norms
2	Associate Professor	25	2	27	Rs. 90,000/-	
3	Assistant Professor	38	3	41	Rs. 81,250/-	
4	Tutor	22	2	24	Rs. 50,000/-	
5	Senior Resident	37	3	40	Rs. 75,000/-	
6	Statistician	1	0	1	Rs. 81,250/-	
7	Clinical Psychologist	1	0	1	Rs. 81,250/-	
	TOTAL POSTS	140	11	151		

The Interested candidates can view the details regarding qualification criteria, salary and others terms and conditions which are available in the website: https://bkmcri.karnataka.gov.in

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CBSE lodges complaint over cyberattacks

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The CBSE filed an FIR with the Delhi Police, alleging that its Post-Result Services Portal was targeted by coordinated cyberattacks over the past three days. The board also extended the last date for verification and re-evaluation to June 7.

In a statement on Friday, the board said the portal, which caters to lakhs of students seeking post-result services, came under sustained attack from multiple sources. The portal was launched on June 2 to facilitate services such as verification and re-evaluation of answer scripts for Class 12 candidates. The board said it was subjected to "repeated and coordinated cyberattacks" involving "large volumes of malicious traffic originating from multiple IP addresses within and outside the country".

The board also extended the date for submission of applications for verification and re-evaluation from June 6 to June 7 midnight.

The CBSE also asserted that its systems remained secure despite the cyberattacks.

DVAC files FIR against former DMK minister

CHENNAI, DHNS: Tamil Nadu's Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) on Friday registered an FIR against former Municipal Administration Minister K N Nehru based on inputs alleging a cash-for-jobs scam by the Enforcement Directorate, marking the first action by the TVK government against the previous DMK dispensation.

However, the court directed the DVAC not to take any action till the next date of hearing on June 23.

The agency divulged this information before the first Division Bench of Chief Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and Justice G Arul Murugan on Friday.

The FIR is a major setback for DMK, which is smarting from the defeat at the hands of TVK.

IIT Roorkee rejects claims of data breach of JEE aspirants

Ministry of Education echoes institute's assertion

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

IIT Roorkee on Friday strongly denied reports of a major security lapse in the JEE (Advanced) examination system, saying claims of a data breach and privacy violation affecting lakhs of candidates were "misleading and factually incorrect".

The clarification comes days after a cybersecurity researcher claimed that personal and examination-related details of JEE (Advanced) aspirants were accessible due to a cloud storage misconfiguration.

The Union Ministry of Education echoed the IIT's assertion. "The ministry reiterates that no sensitive information was compromised, and the examination outcomes, marks, and candidate information remain completely secure, intact, and safe," it said.

In a detailed statement, IIT Roorkee, while denying "claims of a data breach and privacy violation" affecting lakhs of JEE (Advanced) aspirants, also said: "The information circulating on social media is misleading and does not accurately reflect what happened. There is an attempt at spreading misinformation, which is far from the truth."

The institute said that on June 2, technical interventions were carried out on an expedited basis to assist candidates facing difficulties in accessing admit card data and to ensure the smooth functioning of the registration process.

According to IIT Roorkee, these interventions led to a temporary and limited cloud storage misconfiguration.

"An ethical hacker, Rylen Anil, identified this misconfiguration and reported that he could access the concerned database. The issue was immediately rectified, and access to the data was restricted," the statement said.

Denial mode

Over the past two days, Mamata has spoken to several MLAs from Howrah, Murshidabad and North Dinajpur

Union government reiterates that no sensitive info was compromised	The institute also rejected suggestions that the incident could have affected exam results

The institute sought to downplay concerns over the extent of the exposure, emphasising that the affected storage system was configured as read-only, "meaning no data could be edited or deleted".

IIT Roorkee further stated that a review of cloud access logs showed there was no large-scale download or extraction of information. "No sensitive information was compromised or mass-extracted," the institute said.

"IIT Roorkee remains fully committed to maintaining the integrity, security, and transparency of the JEE (Advanced) and JoSAA counselling processes," the statement said.

IIT says no to marks exemption for 'OSM-affected' candidates

NEW DELHI, DHNS: IIT Roorkee has ruled out any one-time relaxation in the 75% Class 12 eligibility criterion for admission to IITs, NITs, and other Centrally-funded technical institutions, amid demands from some JEE-qualified candidates who claim they were affected by the CBSE's On-Screen Marking (OSM) system.

In a statement, the IIT said students in general categories who scored less than 75% in the 12 boards, and less than 65% for those from reserved categories, would be allotted seats in IITs if they produced their revised mark sheets by July 14.

"For those students whose Class 12 (or equivalent) marks are less than 75% (for General/OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS categories) or less than 65% (for SC/ST/PwD categories), please note the following: You are eligible to fill in your choices at present and seats will be allocated to you based on your rank," it said in a statement released late Friday night.

"You need to send the revised score card with at least 75% or 65% as per your category by July 15 through the email orgjee@iitr.ac.in. On receipt of the same, admission will be given to whichever seat is allocated to you at the end of fourth round," the statement further read.

Several aspirants have sought a one-time exemption from the eligibility requirement, arguing that they secured competitive ranks in the JEE but fell short of the 75% threshold in their Class 12 board examinations due to alleged evaluation discrepancies under the CBSE's OSM system.

Responding to queries on whether any relaxation was being considered, IIT Roorkee—the organising institute for JEE (Advanced) 2026—said in another statement released earlier in the day that no dilution of the norms was possible.

"However, we are in close touch with CBSE and will try to resolve this for all those affected candidates on priority," IIT Roorkee said.

CJP issues 'dos & don'ts' for today's protest

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Come with a national flag and a book; document the "peaceful" protest and don't confront miscreants — the Cockroach Janta Party has shared 'do's and don'ts' with its supporters heading to Jantar Mantar on Saturday for a "peaceful" protest demanding Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation following the NEET-UG paper leak and CBSE OSM row.

Its founder, Abhijeet Dipke, is expected to fly down from Boston to Delhi on Saturday morning and drive straight to Parliament Street Police Station to seek permission for the protest at Jantar Mantar. The CJP has asked its supporters to gather at the police station around 9 AM and not go to the airport to receive Dipke, as it could cause inconvenience to the public.

" Supporters are requested to assemble at Parliament Street Police Station at 9.00 AM on June 6, from where permission for a peaceful protest at Jantar Mantar will be sought. We reiterate our appeal to Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to take responsibility and resign, failing which citizens will peacefully exercise their constitutional right to protest," CJP spokespersons Sourav Das and Ashutosh Ranka said.

A man works on a poster ahead of the June 6 protest in Mumbai. PTI FILE

According to the CJP, supporters are urged to carry a 'tiranga' and a book, as the aim of the protest is to reform the Indian education system. They are also advised to "record everything" and go live on social media. "The truth has no spokesperson except your camera," the CJP said.

With temperatures soaring in Delhi, the CJP has also advised its supporters to apply sunscreen and wear a cap, besides staying hydrated. "We must collaborate with the sun," it said while also advising protesters to "eat before you arrive, (as) revolution requires breakfast."

Ex-YSRCP MLA Bolla Naidu held in Rs 1,000-crore land scam

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

Cyberabad police have arrested former YSRCP MLA Bolla Brahma Naidu from Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu for his alleged involvement in a major land scam in Gandipet, Ranga Reddy district.

The arrest follows the detention of three family members last week for fabricating government orders (GOs) to illegally sell 10 acres of government land. The trio, allegedly aided by Naidu, attempted to dispose of the property, which commands a market price exceeding Rs 100 crore per acre.

The probe began after a complaint was lodged on May 23 by Gandipet Tahsildar Srinivas Reddy. He reported that five forged GOs were circulating on WhatsApp and social media, falsely claiming that government land in Survey No. 18 had been regularised and allotted to private individuals. Following a court-issued warrant, Narsingi police searched the residences of the accused, seizing bank passbooks, MoUs, mobile phones, and a laptop.

Meanwhile, the YSRCP has termed the arrest politically motivated. Former Narasaraopet MLA Gopireddy Srinivasa Reddy strongly condemned the arrest and said that the alleged land transaction now being cited against Brahma Naidu was, in fact, exposed by individuals associated with him. According to Gopireddy, Brahma Naidu had no direct role in the agreement under question.

KTR alleges Rs 1,600-crore Singareni scam

HYDERABAD, DHNS: BRS leader KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Friday demanded an immediate investigation into the alleged disappearance of nearly 40 lakh metric tonnes of coal worth Rs 1,600 crore from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

In a letter to Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy, KTR questioned how such a massive quantity of coal, officially shown in Singareni's stock records, could have vanished.

The BRS leader alleged that coal that should have been available in stockyards was illegally diverted and sold, causing a loss of Rs 1,600 crore to the public sector undertaking.

Fire tragedy prompts Delhi govt to invoke disaster management act

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Delhi government will recover losses from officials found guilty of corruption and will invoke Delhi Disaster Management Act (DDMA), 2005, Home Minister Ashish Sood said on Friday, two days after a massive fire killed 21 people at a south Delhi hotel erected with little regard to building norms.

The decision to invoke the Delhi Disaster Management Act, 2005, was taken at a meeting held by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta with several departments.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs on Friday said 13 foreign nationals are among those who died in a hotel fire in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar, and the ministry is in touch with the embassies of their countries, extending help with paperwork and medical assistance.

Of the 13, four were from Nigeria, three from Kyrgyzstan and one each from Mozambique, Uzbekistan, Bangladesh, Congo, Liberia and Iraq, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, adding that the ministry is in touch with all the embassies and cooperating in every possible way.

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl. No	Description	Details			
1	Name of work	Water Proofing using TPO Membrane at URSC Main Campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017	Vertical Extension of Vehicle Deployment Cell and allied works at Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru - 560017	Carrying out Interior Civil Works at various locations in URSC Main Campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017	Renovation of Existing Toilets in VIP Canteen Building & C&MG Building at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/M/14/2026-27 Dt. 02/06/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/15/2026-27 Dt. 02/06/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/16/2026-27 Dt. 03/06/2026	URSC/C&MG/C/M/17/2026-27 Dt. 03/06/2026
3	Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 30.56 Lakhs	₹ 23.83 Lakhs	₹ 23.96 Lakhs	₹ 20.87 Lakhs
4	Period of completion	Three Months	Five Months	Six Months	Three Months
5	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 61,120/- valid for 180 days**	**₹ 47,660/- valid for 180 days**	**₹ 47,920/- valid for 180 days**	**₹ 41,740/- valid for 180 days**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

STUDENT CRUNCH

Delayed return of migrant families hits Kerala schools

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

While labour-intensive sectors in Kerala continue to reel under a shortage of migrant workers, with many from West Bengal yet to return after the Assembly polls, schools with considerable numbers of students from migrant families are now feeling the strain as well.

Many schools under the state government have been meeting the mandatory student strength with students from migrant workers' families. Hence, the delay in the return of many such students could even lead to the fall of divisions and put the teachers' jobs at risk.

"We are in constant touch with parents of some students from families of migrant workers to ensure that they reach the school by next week, as the total count of students needs to be recorded on Monday," a teacher of a government lower primary school in Kochi told *DH*.

Kerala State Teachers' Association Kochi district president Anandakumar G said that the lack of Aadhaar card for many such students was another issue as the identity cards are now mandatory for recording students' count.

An earlier study by the Kerala Planning Board had found that nearly one lakh students from migrant workers' families are

studying in Kerala. As per rough estimates by various agencies and NGOs, Kerala has around 30 lakh migrant workers; around 40% of them are from West Bengal.

Despite reports that the West Bengal BJP government's crackdown on 'illegal immigrants' is a reason for the delay in the return of the workers, NGOs working among migrant workers are not subscribing to it.

Industry experts even doubt whether labour supply contractors were creating artificial scarcity to hike wages.

"Many labour supply contractors are now demanding exorbitant daily wages of over Rs 1,500 per day to exploit the situation," Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) convenor general S N Raghuchandran Nair told *DH*.

The normal wages these days used to be between Rs 1,000 and Rs 1,200.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur, Belagavi – 591302

The tender Notification No: KNNL/KPD/KNP/PB/TND/2026-27/402-411 Date:05.06.2026.

SHORT TERM: PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Kpp-portal only)

1.Short Term Percentage Tender is invited from eligible KPWD registered Contractor through KPP-Portal according to standard tender document rules in prescribed form on behalf of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bengaluru.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (Exclusive of GST) (In Lakhs)	Category / Class of Contractors
1	Providing Infrastructure facility to HireBagewadi Village coming under the jurisdiction of Belagavi Rural Constituency under Bagewadi TFS in Belagavi Taluka Belagavi District. (W.I.No.KNNL/2026-27/RD/ WORK_ INDENT4440)	338.71	Class-II & above
2	Providing Infrastructure facility to Modaga, Honnihal, Balekundri KH, Mavinakatti Villages coming under the jurisdiction of Bagewadi TFS in Belagavi taluka Belagavi District. (W.I. No.KNNL/2026-27/RD/ WORK_INDENT4441)	422.85	Class-II & above
3	Improvements to roads in Basurte Konewadi and Turmari Villages in Belagavi Taluka Belagavi District. (W.I.No.KNNL/ 2026-27/RD/ WORK_ INDENT 4442)	422.63	Class-II & above
4	Providing Infrastructure facility to Ranakunde, Attiwad, Navage and Kangrali BK Villages coming under the jurisdiction of Hangaraga TFS in Belagavi Taluka Belagavi District. (W.I. No. KNNL/2026-27/RD/ WORK_INDENT4443)	422.66	Class-II & above
5	Improvements to road from Yelebail village to Markandeya river (near surute village) in Belagavi Taluka. (KNNL/2025-26/ RD/WORK_INDENT4181/Call-2)	127.09	Class-III & above
6	Providing infrastructure facilities to Hirebagewadi, Mutanal, Kalarkoppa and Siddanabhavi villages coming under the jurisdiction of Belagavi Rural Constituency under Bagewadi TFS in Belagavi Tulaka. (W.I.No.KNNL/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT4332/ Call-2)	207.38	Class-II & above
7	Providing Infrastructure facility to Bendigeri Village coming under the jurisdiction of Belagavi Rural Constituency under Bagewadi TFS in Belagavi Taluka. (W.I.No.KNNL/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT4334/ Call-2)	338.76	Class-II & above
8	Providing infrastructure facilities to Karadiguddi, Marihal, Tumaraguddi, Siddanahalli, Karikatti and Balekundri KH villages coming under the jurisdiction of Belagavi Rural Constituency under Bagewadi TFS in Belagavi Taluka. (W.I.No.KNNL/2026-27/RD/ WORK_ INDENT4338/Call-2)	207.40	Class-II & above
9	Providing Infrastructure facility to Gajapati Village coming under the jurisdiction of Belagavi Rural Constituency under Bagewadi TFS in Belagavi Taluka. (W.I.No.KNNL/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT4343/ Call-2)	169.32	Class-III & above
10	Providing Infrastructure facility to Chandan Hosur and Bastwad Villages coming under Bagewadi TFS in Belagavi Taluka. (W.I. No.KNNL/2026-27/RD/ WORK_INDENT4346/ Call-2)	422.60	Class-II & above

2.Details and Tender documents may be downloaded through website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/index.seam and Filled bids for the above works may be submitted through the KPP portal until 15.06.2026, 4:00 PM. 3.The Pre-bid Meeting will be held in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division Khanapur on 10.06.2026 at 11.00AM. Technical bid will be opened on 16.06.2026 at 4.30 PM. 4.For further details such as, EMD amount, time limit, cost of tender form, eligibility for work, terms and conditions of tender visit our website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact the EE, KPD, Khanapur during office hours on any working day.

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Sd/-Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur, Belagavi

TENDER

Tender is hereby invited to run Cafeteria (inside the premises) at 26ED, AF and Barber, Tailor, Vegetable shop and Cafeteria at Gagan Vihar domestic camp, Murugeshpalya, Bengaluru for the period of 01 year w.e.f 01 Jul 26. Application form may be obtained from OIC SI Fund, **26ED, AF, Vimanapura Post, Bengaluru-17. Before 13 Jun 26 and submitted by 15 Jun 26.** Only war widows, Ex-servicemen / Spouse / Widow of Ex-Servicemen are eligible. For further query contact 9449372223 / 8762423521.

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No. KREC/34/V-38/2026-27/2087 Date:05.06.2026

NOTICE

Sub: Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Solar Photovoltaic (DSPV) Plants) Regulations, 2026.

The draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Solar Photovoltaic (DSPV) Plants) Regulations, 2026, is published in the State Gazette on 04.06.2026. A copy of the draft is made available on KERC's Website **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Interested persons may file their written objections / suggestions / views, if any, on the draft Regulations, to the Secretary, KERC, within 15 days from the date of publication in the Gazette.

Sd/- Secretary
For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

DIPR/CP/YC/1000/2026-27

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal mode only)

Chief Engineer(Ele)., O&M Zone, BESCOM, Chitradurga invites tender for the following Civil Engineering works coming under jurisdiction of **Chitradurga Zone** through KPP portal only (Two cover system).

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender Excluding GST	CATEGORY	CALL
1.	Construction of section office building at **Nonanvinkere, BESCOM premises, Tiptur division.**	**Rs.83.86 Lakhs** / **EMD: Rs.83,860/-**	CAT IIA	II
2.	Construction of Section office Building & other allied works at BESCOM Premises, **Byalya, Madhugiri Tq**.	**Rs.101.69 Lakhs** / **EMD: Rs.2,00,000/-**	OTHERS	II

The prospective bidders interested to participate are advised to register their user ID under website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and **log-in** into KPP Portal on or after **08.06.2026.**

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I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/2026-27/683 Dated:04.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) 2 works, As per standard bid documents KW- 4 with 5054 Appendix E head of account costing of amount for Rs. 150.00 Lakhs, the EMD amount of Rs. **2,25,000**/- for the work. Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows 1) Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors.Date- 18.06.2026 @ 11:00 AM. 2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date- 20.06.2026 at 4:30 PM 3) Opening of Technical Bid Date-22.06.2026 at 04:31 PM 4) Opening of Financial Bid Date- 23.06.2026 at 04:30 PM onwards. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No.919240214000 & amp; 919240214001) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Vijayapur

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Bracing for fresh tariff headwinds

The Donald Trump administration's proposal to impose new tariffs of up to 12.5% on imports from 60 countries, including India, aligns with the United States' strategic position to use tariffs in the service of trade. US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer said Washington would continue to use tariffs and trade agreements to "increase incentives for domestic production and to open markets for US exports." The latest imposts have been proposed under Section 301 of the US Trade Act, 1974. Of the 60 countries, 54 are accused of having failed to prohibit the importation of goods produced by forced labour. This group includes China, India, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Six other countries, including Pakistan, identified as failing "to effectively enforce a forced labour import prohibition," must pay a 10% tariff. India said the USTR would decide on the proposal only after considering public opinion.

In February, the US Supreme Court struck down the imposition of global reciprocal tariffs, following which President Trump announced a temporary 10% levy on imports. The latest imposts come ahead of the expiration of this temporary measure, on July 24. The US also proposes to launch an investigation into the "structural excess capacity and production in manufacturing sectors" of 16 countries, including India and China. This may also lead to the imposition of fresh tariffs. The investigation and the proposal for new tariffs intend to circumvent the top court's ruling and enable the administration to continue collecting the tariffs.

Washington's shifting tariff stance will require India to negotiate the trade agreement with heightened caution

The effective tariff rate for India had fallen to 10%, but the new impost could take it up to 22.5%. Under the trade deal being negotiated by the two countries, the tariff was expected to be agreed upon at 18%. The proposal for the new tariff has come at a time when negotiations between the two countries over an interim trade agreement were considered to be at an advanced stage. This announcement further emphasises the unreliability of the current administration in the US. Notably, the mixed signals have continued in Trump's criticism of India for having taken "advantage" of the US for years by charging steep tariffs. Senior US officials have underlined the need for the two countries to maintain robust bilateral relations. New Delhi said, following the new proposal, that it would remain engaged in talks on the trade agreement. As the two sides prepare the final draft, India must remain alert to the arbitrariness in US policy and safeguard its interests.

The fires we fail to learn from

Two deadly accidents on successive days have yet again exposed systemic failures that have left India's fire safety protocols under a perpetual threat of breach. In Delhi, a fire at a bed-and-breakfast facility killed 21 people. Fire in a hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Bihar's Muzaffarpur killed at least five. In March, a fire at a Cuttack medical college and hospital claimed 12 lives. Seven newborns were charred to death in a fire in an East Delhi hospital in 2024. More than 90 people died in a Kolkata hospital fire in 2011. Fire in a Kolkata hotel, in April 2025, saw 14 deaths. The numbers reveal a disturbing continuity spanning decades, pointing to a system that has failed to learn from the past.

Hospitals, restaurants, cinema halls, and offices in India remain vulnerable to fire accidents. The reasons across incidents have largely been common: faulty electrical circuits, unscientifically constructed and overcrowded buildings, lack of ventilation, narrow passages and exits, absence of basic fire-fighting devices, and poor awareness of safe exit procedures are prominent among them. The multi-storey building in South Delhi where the fire occurred on Wednesday stood in a crowded area with narrow lanes, which made fire-fighting difficult. People jumped from the building's upper floors to escape the fire. Many guests, including foreign nationals, were in the city for medical treatment. An electrical short circuit is suspected to have caused the fire in Muzaffarpur. Multiple fire accidents have highlighted the deadly fallout from poorly maintained electrical systems, especially in high-footfall locations, such as hospitals.

Familiar violations and lapses recur, but enforcement of rules remains woefully weak and reactive

The B&B did not have operational clearance from the Department of Delhi Fire Service. Though the facility had the approval for only six rooms, it hosted guests in 25. The building had only one entry and exit point. These are standard red flags across the hospitality sector, but corrections happen, if they happen, only in isolation and after tragedy hits. The violation of basic building and fire safety norms is extensive, and civic authorities who allow the illegalities are complicit. In January, the Delhi High Court directed the authorities to formulate an action plan for fire safety in hospitality establishments. Following the accident, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has launched a crackdown on illegal commercial establishments. But this is familiar *ad hocism*. Beyond the inevitability of human errors, these mishaps persist primarily due to weak enforcement of established guidelines; they persist due to a system that fails to ensure essential oversight.

REDRAWN HORIZONS

India's quest for regional power must begin at home

China's rising influence has pushed India towards Indo-Pacific aspirations, but domestic vulnerabilities persist

RAGHU GURURAJ

From political instability in Bangladesh and military turmoil in Myanmar to anti-India rhetoric in the Maldives and China's expanding strategic footprint across South Asia and the Indian Ocean, India's Neighbourhood First policy has encountered sustained headwinds in recent years. South Asia is no longer an India-dominated geopolitical space. It has become multi-polar, externally contested, politically fragmented, and strategically transactional.

China has fundamentally altered South Asia's regional equilibrium by becoming a major lender, infrastructure financier, arms supplier, trade partner, and political actor across the region. Through the Belt and Road Initiative and strategic investments, it has entrenched itself in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, the Maldives, and increasingly Myanmar. This has reduced India's traditional strategic primacy. Smaller states now have alternative funding sources, diplomatic leverage, and balancing options against India. That changes the entire regional power equation.

South Asian states increasingly practise "multi-alignment." Neighbouring countries no longer want exclusive alignment with India. Instead, they engage India economically, approach China strategically, seek Gulf investments, maintain ties with the West, and maximise bargaining flexibility.

This produces periodic swings in foreign policy depending on domestic elections, elite coalitions, economic crises, or regime changes. For example, the Maldives oscillates between "India First" and "India Out" political stances. Nepal frequently recalibrates between India and China as and when it is expedient. Bangladesh balances security cooperation with domestic nationalist sensitivities. India is therefore operating in a far more fluid regional environment.

India's diplomacy itself has become increasingly security-centric. But excessive securitisation has narrowed political goodwill and reduced space for broader regional integration. Consequently, neighbouring states often perceive India as overbearing, interventionist, or excessively focused on security concerns.

The collapse of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has weakened regional institutionalism, mainly due to India-Pakistan hostilities, making South Asia one of the least economically integrated regions globally.

Most South Asian countries adopt hedging strategies by extracting economic and security benefits from India, while leveraging Chinese capital and strategic backing. That creates recurring instability in India's neighbourhood diplomacy. India's geography prevents it from abandoning its Neighbourhood First Policy. Unlike distant great powers, India's neighbourhood directly affects its internal stability. Problems in neighbouring states quickly spill across borders through migration, insurgency, terrorism, refugee flows, organised crime, etc.

These pressures gradually pushed India to widen its strategic horizons beyond the subcontinent towards the Act East policy and the wider Indo-Pacific framework. New Delhi increasingly

recognised that South Asia alone could no longer anchor India's economic and geopolitical rise.

As China expanded its footprint across India's neighbourhood through infrastructure investments, maritime access arrangements, and political influence, New Delhi increasingly sought to widen its strategic geography beyond the subcontinent. Simultaneously, the centre of global economic and geopolitical activity was shifting towards the Indo-Pacific, making deeper engagement with ASEAN, Japan, Australia, and key maritime partners an economic and strategic necessity. India's Indo-Pacific outreach, therefore, represents not a departure from Neighbourhood First, but an attempt to complement continental security management.

The Quad's emergence reflects the growing convergence among India, the United States, Japan, and Australia over the changing balance of power in the Indo-Pacific. As China's military expansion, maritime assertiveness, and economic leverage began reshaping the regional order, the four countries recognised the need for a flexible framework to preserve strategic equilibrium without creating a formal military alliance. Unlike traditional treaty-based blocs, the Quad evolved as a pragmatic balancing mechanism centred on maritime security, supply-chain resilience, critical technologies, infrastructure cooperation, and freedom of navigation. For India, the Quad also marked an important strategic transition, from viewing security primarily through a continental South Asian lens to embracing a wider maritime Indo-Pacific role.

Constraints call for recalibration

Despite its expanding strategic ambitions, India continues to face significant structural constraints that limit the pace and scale of its regional and Indo-Pacific influence. While New Delhi is increasingly viewed as an important counterweight to China, its economic and institutional capacities lag behind its geopolitical aspirations.

India's manufacturing base remains comparatively weak, infrastructure execution is often slow, defence modernisation faces resource constraints, and trade integration with ASEAN and wider Asian supply chains remains limited. The country also continues to shoulder substantial continental security burdens ranging from border tensions with China and Pakistan to instability in Myanmar and political volatility across South Asia.

As a result, India is attempting the difficult transition from a regional continental power to a wider Indo-Pacific actor even before fully consolidating its domestic economic transformation. India, therefore, cannot just rely solely on historical ties, civilisational links or geographic centrality. Its future regional influence will increasingly depend on its economic indispensability.

Its regional strategy requires recalibration rather than retreat. New Delhi may increasingly need to adopt a more pragmatic and less emotionally invested approach towards its neighbourhood, recognising that most neighbouring states will continue pursuing multi-alignment strategies involving both India and China. Rather than seeking exclusivity, India's objective should be to become economically and strategically indispensable through faster infrastructure delivery, deeper trade integration, energy connectivity, digital public infrastructure, and sustained development partnerships.

A more realistic approach would also require India to avoid overreacting to periodic anti-India rhetoric or regime changes in neighbouring countries while maintaining clear red lines on core security concerns such as terrorism, maritime security, and external military presence in the Indian Ocean.

India's foreign policy is undergoing a historic transition – from a predominantly continental South Asian framework towards a wider Indo-Pacific orientation shaped by maritime competition, economic interdependence, and multi-polar geopolitics. Yet New Delhi's long-term influence will depend less on diplomatic activism alone and more on whether it can sustain high economic growth, strengthen manufacturing competitiveness, modernise its military capabilities, and build deeper technological and institutional capacity.

Simply put, in the coming decade, India's ability to shape both its neighbourhood and the wider Indo-Pacific will ultimately rest on the strength of its domestic transformation.

(The writer is a retired Ambassador and a foreign service officer)

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Sticking it out as a trendsetter

The walking stick had many plus points

USHA MUKUNDA

As a teenager growing up in Kolkata, my friends and I were aware that Delhi was the place that set the fashion trend. First came the wide ballooning *salwars*. Gradually, they got narrower to finally become the leg-hugging *churidars*. Sleeveless blouses, low backs – the range was entrancing, but living amid the more traditional Bengali ambience, these styles were tried out with some trepidation. However, the wish to start a fashion or set a trend was ever present for me, though never really achievable.

Until now in the eighth decade of my life! A bad fall and some other reverses seemed like the last bastion had fallen. Was I to accept that my independent walks were over? Suddenly there was light. In a dark cupboard. My late mother's walking stick leaned invitingly against the back. I tried it out at home, and with encouragement from the family, I began to make small forays out into the neighbourhood roads. Soon I learnt to navigate the stick to warn me of holes, bumps, and slippery slopes that are the bane of every walker.

As months passed, I discovered that the stick had many other plus points. Stray dogs gave me a wide berth, car drivers stopped and waved me across, and the stick could be used to peremptorily stop errant drivers in their wayward tracks. But most heart-warming of all, perfect strangers of all ages gave me a cheery smile and nod of appreciation.

It was time to pass on the good word to others of my age and situation. But to my surprise, there were no takers. "Not yet, later...", "I don't want to become dependent on it", and "I don't want people to see me with a stick..." were some responses. Meanwhile I saw many compatriots, leaning on cars or rickety structures to balance themselves as they gingerly made their way onto a pavement. I tried gentle persuasion on them but always got a polite shake of the head as they stumbled on. But suddenly one morning, I got a call from a neighbour. "Where did you get a cane like the one you use? My daughters have been urging me to get one." Hallelujah, I thought.

A few days later I saw her stepping out smartly onto the street with a brand new walking stick. I could not stop myself from giving her a 'welcome to the club' hug. Since then I have sighted a few more women walking jauntily with their canes.

Have I at long last set a trend? My mother is the one to thank for boldly using it many years ago, but I'd like to think I have finally become a trendsetter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For politicians, self-interest trumps public service

In protest against the denial of the Bengaluru Development portfolio, Karnataka minister Ramalinga Reddy has tendered his resignation. Trouble seems to be brewing for 'trouble shooter' D K Shivakumar as another minister, K H Muniyappa, has expressed his reluctance to handle the Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs ministry. K H Muniyappa wants the Social Welfare Ministry. For a person genuinely interested in serving the people, any portfolio should not matter. Principled politics has been bid adieu. There are and were great stalwarts who considered principles above politics. However, the present crop of politicians, irrespective of the party affiliations, hankers after power.

K V Seetharamaiah, Bengaluru

Let Iran play

The FIFA World Cup begins on June 11, and Iran is scheduled to play its first match on June 15 against New Zealand in Los Angeles ('Iran's World Cup campaign confronts geopolitical reality', Jun 5). The host nation should not deny a visa to Iran in the spirit of FIFA's 'Fair Play Policy,' according to which all qualifying nations must be treated equally. The responsibility of protecting that principle by ensuring no political interference lies with FIFA, and not with Iran. Sports should be above geopolitical conflicts, and Iran should be given seamless entry for playing three games in the United States.

Rajiv Kumar Sinha, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

The Congress' ultimate goal is power, not the welfare of the people. Earlier they were fighting for the CM's chair, now they are fighting for the ministerial post and portfolio.

B Y Vijayendra,
Karnataka BJP chief and MLA

In a power-hungry, power-worshipping society, men label themselves atheist.

Ernest Hemingway

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

Caste abuse: The limits of 'public view'

The law requires an audience to ascertain the abuse, crucially excluding private occurrences from legal recognition

SUMIT BAUDH

The Supreme Court's recent ruling in *Gunjan v. State* reiterated an established line of interpretation that has long existed in past decisions on what constitutes "public view". It also resurfaced an older, deeper problem within the law itself: impunity for caste abuse occurring in private spaces.

The Court quashed proceedings under Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, holding that the FIR allegations did not satisfy the statutory requirement that the abuse occur "in any place within public view". The ruling itself is not surprising. The Court did not dramatically narrow the statute's scope. It merely reiterated an established line of precedent concerning what constitutes "public view". Yet that is precisely why the judgment deserves attention.

Each time the Supreme Court repeats this interpretation, and the ruling circulates through public reporting, an old statutory limitation acquires renewed authority. What becomes normalised is the idea that caste abuse occurring in private falls outside the Act's protective framework. The result is that a longstanding insufficiency of the law re-enters public discourse not as a problem requiring reform, but as an established legal position. The real issue, therefore, is not whether the Court correctly interpreted the law as presently drafted. The deeper question is whether the statutory requirement itself remains defensible.

Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) criminalise caste-based insults, intimidation, and abuse committed "in any place within public view". Courts have interpreted this phrase through highly fact-specific inquiries: whether the abuse occurred inside a house or near a gate; whether independent persons were present; whether others could hear the words; whether those present were related to the complainant; whether the space was accessible to the public. As a result, adjudication often shifts away from the injury towards technical disputes over visibility, audibility, and spatial access.

But caste humiliation does not become injurious only when delivered publicly.

An insult delivered in private does not cease to be caste abuse merely because no "independent" audience is present. Public humiliation may aggravate the injury, but privacy does not negate it. Yet the structure of the law implicitly distinguishes between the two. In effect, the law privileges spectacular and publicly visible caste humiliation over intimate and everyday caste domination.

The recent judgment itself reveals the instability of this distinction. The allegations involved abuse shouted from balconies and from the ground floor of a residential property. Earlier decisions cited by courts have involved terraces, office spaces, glass cabins, and gated compounds. Some judgments have expanded the meaning of "view" to include hearing; others have insisted upon neutral and independent witnesses. The result is not conceptual clarity, but a jurisprudence struggling to sustain a rigid public-private distinction within lived social spaces.

The deeper problem is that the "public view" requirement reproduces a longstanding tendency within law itself: treating harms occurring within supposedly private spaces as less deserving of legal recognition. Feminist legal critique challenged precisely this logic in relation to domestic violence. For decades, violence within the household was treated as lying beyond meaningful legal intervention because it occurred within the "private" domain of family life. The injury was minimised not because it was less harmful, but because of where it occurred.

The SCST Act's "public view" requirement raises a related concern. It creates a diminished form of legal recognition for caste abuse occurring within intimate and everyday social relations.

The need for legal reform

Importantly, the need to reconsider this requirement is not new. During consultations preceding the 2015 amendments to the SCST Act, recommendations were already made to review the phrase "public view". Parliament expanded several protections under the statute and removed restrictive language from other provisions, but this requirement remained substantially intact in some of the most frequently invoked clauses.

The fundamental question for reform is this: What forms of caste injury does the law refuse to recognise, and why?

A legal framework addressing caste discrimination cannot overlook the forms of caste domination that operate through intimacy, familiarity, and everyday social life merely because they occur outside public view.

The Supreme Court's ruling did not create this problem. It merely reminds us that the problem already exists within the statute. The question is whether the law will continue to recognise caste humiliation only when it is publicly visible, or whether it will extend recognition to caste domination occurring within everyday social life.

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Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari's order to the West Bengal police to hand over suspected illegal migrants to the BSF for deportation, without producing them before courts, raises constitutional questions

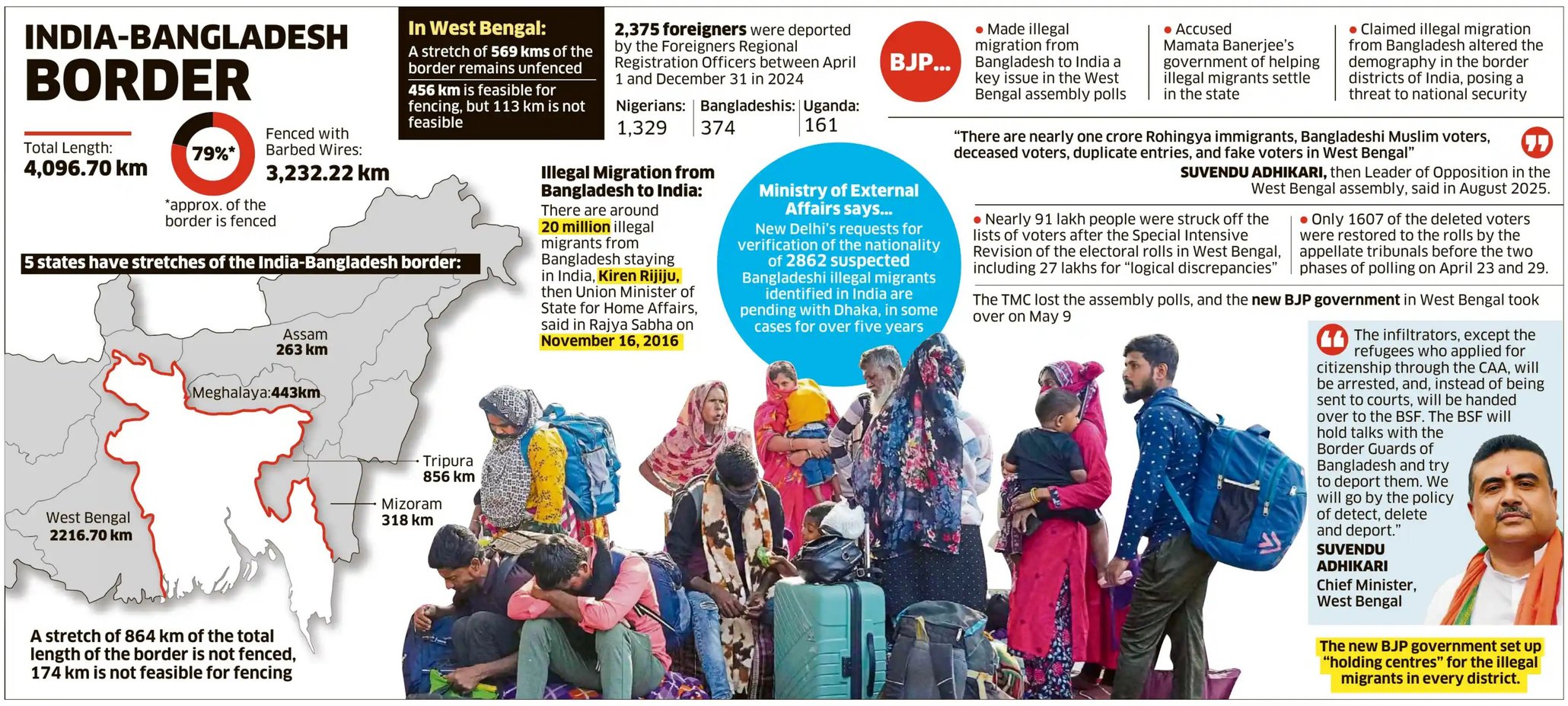
Bengal's pushback policy: Expediency vs law

SANJAY HEGDE

Sonali Khatun was pregnant when the Delhi Police came for her family. Her father had brought them from Birbhum in West Bengal to Delhi in 2003. They worked in the national capital as daily wage earners for over two decades. They were Indians who had never seen Bangladesh. On June 18, 2025, police picked them up, suspecting them to be Bangladeshis, and pushed them across the border nine days later. They were jailed in Bangladesh.

I appeared before the Supreme Court for Sonali's father. The Calcutta High Court had already declared the deportation illegal. I told the bench that a pregnant Indian woman was waiting at the border, unable to re-enter because the Union government had challenged that order. The Solicitor General returned and offered entry on humanitarian grounds. The court directed the chief medical officer of Birbhum to provide full medical care. Sonali returned to India on December 5 and gave birth to a baby boy at Rampurhat Government Medical College in Birbhum a month later.

Her husband, Danish Sheikh, is still in Bangladesh. So are three members of Sweety Bibi's family, swept up in the same June 2025 operation. On May 22 this year, I was again in court. The Solicitor General assured the bench that Danish would be returned within eight to 10 days, while insisting that the relief was case-specific and not a precedent. That period has run. The assurance has not been honoured. I remain hopeful that the Supreme Court's authority will eventually prevail.


INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER
Total Length: 4,096.70 km
79%*
Fenced with Barbed Wires: 3,232.22 km
*approx. of the border is fenced
5 states have stretches of the India-Bangladesh border:
Assam 263 km
Meghalaya: 443km
Tripura 856 km
Mizoram 318 km
West Bengal 2216.70 km
A stretch of 864 km of the total length of the border is not fenced, 174 km is not feasible for fencing
In West Bengal:
A stretch of 569 kms of the border remains unfenced
456 km is feasible for fencing, but 113 km is not feasible
2,375 foreigners were deported by the Foreigners Regional Registration Officers between April 1 and December 31 in 2024
Nigerians: 1,329
Bangladeshis: 374
Uganda: 161
Illegal Migration from Bangladesh to India:
There are around 20 million illegal migrants from Bangladesh staying in India, Kiren Rijiju, then Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, said in Rajya Sabha on November 16, 2016
Ministry of External Affairs says...
New Delhi's requests for verification of the nationality of 2862 suspected Bangladeshi illegal migrants identified in India are pending with Dhaka, in some cases for over five years
BJP...
• Made illegal migration from Bangladesh to India a key issue in the West Bengal assembly polls
• Accused Mamata Banerjee's government of helping illegal migrants settle in the state
• Claimed illegal migration from Bangladesh altered the demography in the border districts of India, posing a threat to national security
"There are nearly one crore Rohingya immigrants, Bangladeshi Muslim voters, deceased voters, duplicate entries, and fake voters in West Bengal"
SUVENDU ADHIKARI, then Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal assembly, said in August 2025.
• Nearly 91 lakh people were struck off the lists of voters after the Special Intensive Revision of the electoral rolls in West Bengal, including 27 lakhs for "logical discrepancies"
• Only 1607 of the deleted voters were restored to the rolls by the appellate tribunals before the two phases of polling on April 23 and 29.
The TMC lost the assembly polls, and the new BJP government in West Bengal took over on May 9
The infiltrators, except the refugees who applied for citizenship through the CAA, will be arrested, and, instead of being sent to courts, will be handed over to the BSF. The BSF will hold talks with the Border Guards of Bangladesh and try to deport them. We will go by the policy of detect, delete and deport."
SUVENDU ADHIKARI
Chief Minister, West Bengal
The new BJP government set up "holding centres" for the illegal migrants in every district.

The pushback fiction

The government calls what it does pushback. That word needs examination. In international border management, pushback describes the interception of a person at the frontier, before he has entered the territory, and the refusal of entry at that point. That is pushback. There is no pushback from the interior of a country. Sonali Khatun was taken from a room in Delhi, over a thousand kilometres from the India-Bangladesh border, after she had lived in the national capital for more than two decades. Moving persons from the capital to the border and forcing them across is deportation. Deportation requires a finding that the person is a foreigner, an order, and an opportunity to be heard. Doing it without any of these things is not pushback. It is an unlawful expulsion.

The Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, consolidated four older colonial-era statutes, but did not alter the due process of law. Section 29 vests the power of removal in the Central Government by general or special order. A chief minister's instruction in a news conference cannot be considered an order. Section 16 reverses the burden of proof, requiring the detained person to prove he is not a foreigner. But a burden of proof can only be discharged in a proceeding. One cannot reverse a burden in a hearing that never takes place. Article 22 requires production before a magistrate within 24 hours of arrest. A meal and a drive to the fence satisfy none of these requirements.

Bypassing judicial scrutiny

West Bengal's new chief minister, Suvendu Adhikari, has formalised the practice. He said if an "illegal migrant" is detained by police, he will not be presented before a court but will be given a meal and handed over to the BSF to be sent across the border. His government is setting up "holding centres" across the state. He has given it the imprimatur of declared policy. What Assam has been doing quietly, West Bengal now does openly. But the chief minister has gone further. He has said that the women who were struck off the electoral rolls during the Special Intensive Revision will not receive benefits under the Annapurna Yojana unless their appeals are under consideration by, or have been accepted by, the appellate tribunals. He said that the government would not want any non-Indian to receive money from the public exchequer.

The Supreme Court addressed the issue directly in its recent Bihar SIR judgment. The bench held that deletion from an electoral roll does not strip a person of citizenship. Citizenship is determined by the competent authority under the Citizenship Act, 1955. The Election Commission decides inclusion in the rolls. It does not adjudicate citizenship. A deleted voter is not a declared alien. Yet the chief minister has taken the list of deleted voters as his list of non-Indians and proposes to deny them the benefits of government welfare schemes.

The mechanism is an 11-page application form, which asks for the Aadhaar details of every adult family member, EPIC numbers, PAN cards, landholdings, vehicles, and the children's school type. Two fields stand apart from any welfare logic: the applicant's status under the Citizenship Amendment Act, and whether the person deleted in the SIR has a tribunal appeal pending. No welfare form needs this information to transfer Rs 3,000 into a bank account. It needs it for a different purpose altogether.

The chief minister confirmed what the purpose actually is. He announced that Hindu refugees from Bangladesh who have applied for or obtained citizenship under the CAA will receive the scheme's benefits. The welfare scheme now has a religious criterion. Indian citizens who are Muslim and whose names were deleted from the rolls are not entitled to receive the benefits of a government scheme. But Indian citizens who are Hindu refugees from Bangladesh will. Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution prohibit the State from discriminating among citizens on grounds of religion. Those articles are not advisory. They are commands directed at every government, regardless of political hue.

Article 21 protects every person on Indian soil – not every citizen, but every person. The framers of the Constitution chose that word with care. They had seen what follows when a state sorts its residents by origin and faith and moves against them without legal process. They wrote "person" precisely to make it inconvenient – to slow the hand of an impatient government.

Sonali Khatun's son was born in India. His father waits across a border for a promise made to the Supreme Court to be kept. A meal before deportation is not due process. It is a courtesy. Even a man condemned to death is given a last meal. Procedures established by law must be fair, just and non-arbitrary. Due process and due courtesy have never been the same thing.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Nature-based solutions: Hype or hope?

As the world adds nature-based solutions to its climate targets to mitigate the impacts of rising environmental challenges, Aisiri Amin examines their value and limitations

Nature-based solutions (NbS) are increasingly employed to reduce the consequences of the climate crisis, especially in cities. However, more studies are needed to examine the effectiveness and limitations of NbS in the Global South, accounting for diverse ecosystems and unique socio-ecological contexts.

The focus on NbS—actions that address societal challenges through the sustainable management and restoration of ecosystems—has led to it playing a key role in the world's climate targets. For instance, a 2017 study found that NbS accounts for 37% of the climate change mitigation required by 2030 to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

NbS is not fully understood in the Global South context. Researchers have even questioned the term itself. The phrase "nature-based solutions" is a confusing catch-all that does not specify what problem is actually being solved, says Dr Sharachchandra Lele, distinguished fellow, Environmental Policy and Governance, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE).

There are also several assumptions around NbS, such as its widespread use in wastewater treatment and tree planting to reduce carbon emissions. But how much of it is realistically effective?

Green roofs are increasingly seen as a nature-based solution for heat. PIC COURTESY: WIKIMEDIA

Solutions and gaps

Studies have shown that the most widely implemented NbS in the Global South are green roofs, urban forests, and urban green spaces.

"When implemented well, these solutions can offer real benefits," says Dr Mithun Hanumesh, lead of the Centre of Excellence in Nature-based Solutions, Alliance University. For instance, green roofs can improve mental and physical well-being and offer social and economic benefits by using natural resources to cool buildings.

"Lack of planning is a barrier for NbS," he says, adding that a lot of green infrastructure and concepts are passed off as NbS by big companies, restaurants, and office buildings, which is a problem.

He uses the example of green or vertical gardens. "There is often copy-paste vegetation with no scientific foundation, no consideration of native species, and no assessment of biodiversity impact," he explains. Often, what passes for nature-based solutions is actually nature-based decoration, he adds.

Over the past six decades, the annual rate of increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide has been about 100 times faster than previous natural increases, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. When the focus is on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, afforestation is often heralded as a key solution. In India, for instance, policies such as the Green India Mission focus heavily on increasing green cover. But does it actually work?

"If you use NbS to address climate change, then it is often a euphemism for planting trees, based on the belief that carbon sequestration through trees can offset GHG emissions. It can do so only partially, and with significant side effects on biodiversity and livelihoods," Lele explains.

Lele does not deny that trees can absorb pollutants and help reduce urban heat island effects. "But without addressing the source of the problem, such as crop burning in Punjab or thermal power plants polluting Delhi's air, NbS can quickly become either greenwash or a distraction from the real issues," he says.

Many cities, including Bengaluru, use constructed wetlands (CW) for wastewater filtration. However, they are not designed to handle all types of wastewater, says Dr Veena Srinivasan, sociohydrologist and executive director of WELL Labs. "Raw sewage is not going in, and neither is industrial effluent. What typically enters has already gone through a treatment plant, and the CW handles the residual excess nutrients after secondary treatment," she explains.

"It is a polishing step, not a primary treatment system. Also, what we are doing in Bengaluru is not comparable to a wetland in a different geographical setting, such as the East Kolkata Wetlands model, where raw sewage is processed directly," she adds.

Some NbS have also experimented with water hyacinth, a freshwater plant that can deteriorate water quality.

Water hyacinth can form dense mats on the surface, blocking sunlight from penetrating the water and creating ecologically dead zones beneath them, Srinivasan explains. However, because the aquatic plant can be a nuisance in water bodies, it is also used as green manure or compost to improve soil health by enhancing aeration and water retention, according to a 2024 study.

Another NbS is the riparian buffer strip, which assumes that pollution enters a river or stream as overland surface runoff that vegetation can filter. Lele points out that this assumption holds in temperate countries where industrial pollution and sewage have already been controlled, and surface runoff accounts for perhaps the last 5% of the problem.

"But if the other 95%—the sewage and industrial discharge coming through drains and channels—has not been addressed, then advocating riparian buffer strips is just tinkering at the edges," he says.

What needs to change

The fundamental reason NbS matters is the co-benefits, says Veena. A sewage treatment plant treats sewage. But it does not create pollinator habitat, cool the neighbourhood, or improve housing values. An NbS solves multiple problems simultaneously. Green spaces can increase property values, reduce urban heat, absorb pollutants, reduce particulate matter, create habitat, and support pollinator corridors that benefit agriculture.

However, NbS are not a panacea. "It's a way of thinking about how to design cities, which requires a mindset shift. It is not always a plug-and-play solution," she says.

While NbS can help address some urban challenges, a major issue is that these interventions are almost always undersized. For example, floating wetlands in lakes, Veena says, need to cover a substantial area to remove nutrients at scale.

"However, in most cases, three or four floating wetlands are installed to create the impression that something is being done. It is performative rather than functional," she says. Moreover, engineers are often involved in designing NbS rather than ecologists, she adds.

Another major challenge is the widespread assumption that nature requires no operations and maintenance. "Governments often behave as if they installed something natural, and it takes care of itself. Constant management is necessary," Veena says.

Lele explains that if NbS are implemented to meet climate targets, fulfil the Paris Agreement, or serve as climate adaptation measures, but are not integrated into decentralised forest governance, they will remain problematic.

DID YOU KNOW?

Heaven Sword is now East Asia's tallest tree

Deep in Taiwan's rugged interior grows a secret: some of the tallest trees on Earth. A Taiwania fir standing 84.1 metres tall along Taiwan's Da'an River has been officially recorded as the tallest tree in East Asia.

Named the "Heaven Sword," it was discovered in January 2023 by a multidisciplinary team of climbers, ecologists, and remote sensing specialists who had spent nearly a decade hunting for the island's tallest trees. The findings have been published in *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change*.

The team, informally known as the "Taiwan tree seekers," began their search in August 2014, targeting the Cilan conservation area and its famed "Chilan Three Sisters" — three giant Taiwania firs known to locals but never scientifically measured. The tallest reached 69.3 metres. Subsequent expeditions pushed farther into remote terrain near Mt. Benya and the sacred Great Ghost Lake, but the dense, multi-layered canopy of old-growth forest made visually identifying the tallest trees unreliable.

The breakthrough came through LiDAR — a 3D laser-scanning technique deployed from aircraft that generates precise height maps of forest canopy. Collaborating with remote sensing experts from National Cheng Kung University, the team used LiDAR data covering 9.5 million trees to pinpoint the most promising candidates. The Heaven Sword was identified through this map and confirmed by climbers who dropped a measuring tape from the crown: 84.1 metres. By early 2026, the team had climbed ten Taiwania trees exceeding 70 metres, two of them crossing the 80-metre mark.

The study also documents exceptional concentrations of giant trees. Near Mt. Benya, a single hectare was found to contain 11 trees each exceeding 65 metres. At Great Ghost Lake, researchers encountered a dense cluster of approximately 30 ancient Taiwania firs — a "pure forest" of giants.

Carbon storage data from the study underline the ecological significance of these forests. A detailed 2024 survey of the "Tao Tree" valley — home to the island's third-tallest tree — recorded a carbon density of 1,384.5 Mg/ha, excluding root systems. This places Taiwan's giant Taiwania forests among the most carbon-dense environments on Earth, comparable to the world's most celebrated old-growth forests.

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TUMKUR DISTRICT, TUMKUR

PUBLIC NOTICE
(UNDER SECTION 3(G) OF N.H. ACT 1956)

S.O. 2733(E) Date 29.05.2026 - Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **1279(E) Dated:11/03/2026,** published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of **NH544E in the stretch of land from Km 103.200 (Ex. Km 103.200) to Km 116.700 (Ex. Km 118.470) of (AP/KNT Border to Sira section) in the district of TUMKUR in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.**

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in **"Deccan Herald" dated 17/03/2026 , "Udayavani" dated 17/03/2026** ; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances. The land owner can submit their statement if any, along with relevant property document to the below address.

Name of the Village	Enquiry Date and Time	The place where the land owners / interested persons have to appear & submit / their claims
Sira Taluk Madaluru, Kotta, Kallukotte, Vajukunte, Koratakere Gollahalli-S I	12.06.2026 from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM	Office of the Special Land Acquisition officer, Impana Arcade, 1st floor, Geddalahalli road, Saptagiri Extension, Tumkur

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer,
and Competent Authority,
National Highway Authority of India, Tumkur Branch,
Impana Arcade, 1st floor, Geddalahalli road,
Saptagiri Extension, Tumkur

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km 103.200 (Ex. Km 103.200) to Km 116.700 (Ex. Km 118.470) of (AP/KNT Border to Sira section) of NH 544E in the District of Tumakuru in the State of KARNATAKA.

State: KARNATAKA **District: TUMKUR**

Sl. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owner/ Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Sira					
Village: Madalur					
1	45	Common	Dry/ Kharab	0.010117	Common Government
2	494	Common	Dry/ Kharab	0.227632	Governor of Karnataka on behalf of BEO (30*40), Governor of Karnataka on behalf of BEO (90*33), EE Panchayath Raj division Madhugiri for drinking water Canal, S Suresh Bin late S Somanna, S Dayanand bin Late S Somanna
3	500	Private	Dry	0.0075877	Thimmakka C/o Late Rangappa, Chandrappa Bin Late Rangappa, Jayaramappa Bin Rangappa, Lakshmaiah Bin Rangappa.
4	530	Private	Dry/ Garden	0.0025292	Rathnamma W/o Late Srirangaiah (530/1), G.S. Raghavendra S/o Late Srirangaiah (530/2), K.N. Nagaraju S/o Late Narayanappa (NAK) (530/3A), Lakshmamma W/o Late Gundappa (530/3B), Ranganathappa, Gundappa S/o Marakka (530/3C), G.R. Nagaraja S/o M. Ranganatha (530/3D), G.R. Chandrashekar S/o M. Ranganatha (530/3E), Lakshmamma W/o Late Gundappa, G.R. Nagaraju S/o M. Ranganath (530/3F), Nanjundappa S/o Hanumanthappa (530/4), Lakshmamma W/o Late Gundappa (530/5), Smt. G. R. Latha W/o M.R. Byregowda (530/6), Mr. G.S. Nagendranath S/o G.R. Shrirangaiah (530/7), Smt. G.S. Radha W/o B. Nagaraju (530/8), G.R. Chandrashekar S/o M. Ranganatha (530/9), G.R. Nagaraja S/o M. Ranganatha (530/10), G.R. Latha W/o Late M.R. Byregowda (530/11), Lakshmamma W/o Late Gundappa (530/12), G.R. Nagaraja S/o M. Ranganatha (530/13)
Village: Kotta					
5	102/1	Private	Wet	0.0025292	S. Rajanna S/o Siddappa
6	103	Private	Wet	0.0025292	S. Rajanna S/o Siddappa (103/1), Kallubeerappa S/o Sannanayka, Chikkeeranayka S/o Sannanayka, Junjanna S/o Sannanayka, anneerappa S/o Sannanayka (103/2)
7	128	Private	Garden	0.0025292	Ugrappa Bin Late Eregowda, Naganna Bin Late Eregowda
8	129/2	Private	Wet	0.0025292	Doddaiah S/o Chikkarangappa
9	130	Private	Dry	0.0025292	Naganna Bin Late Eregowda, Ugrappa Bin Late Eregowda, Narasimhamurthy Bin Eregowda
10	131/1	Private	Dry	0.0050585	Sannabyramma W/o Govindappa
11	133	Common	Gomala/ Dry/ Kharab	0.040468	Government (Settlement)
12	218	Private	Dry	0.030351	Narasimhamurthy S/o Eeregowda (218/1), Ranganatha S/o Late R. Gundappa (218/2),Indumathi B.L W/o N.V.N Murthy (218/3), K.C. Narasimharaju S/o Chikkanna (218/4), Naganna S/o Eeregowda (218/5)
13	369	Private	Dry	0.0050585	Krishnappa S/o Late Narayanappa (369/2A1), Gangamma W/o Late K.M. Ranganathappa (369/2A2), Thippanna S/o Late Puttanna (369/2A3), Govindappa S/o Late Narayanappa (369/2B), Krishnappa S/o Puttalingappa, Srirangappa S/o Puttalingappa, Rangaiah S/o Junjanna, Mahalingappa S/o Junjanna, Dilip S/o Late Ninganna, C. Nagarajappa S/o Chikkanna (369/1), Krishnappa S/o Narayanappa (369/3)
14	370	Private	Dry	0.0025292	Chandrakala K.G W/o Dasharatha, Doddaraju G S/o Late D. Govindappa (370/1), K.C. Ranganatha S/o Chikkanna (370/2), K.R. Devaraju S/o Ranganathappa, Geethamma W/o Late K.R. Hemakumar (370/3), Siddappa S/o Narayanappa (370/4), K.R. Ravikumar S/o C. Rajappa, Ranganatha S/o Late Doddappa, Ningamma D/o Late Chikkanna, Jayamma D/o Late Chikkanna, Gowramma W/o Late Rajappa, K.C. Ranganatha S/o Late Chikkanna, K. C. Ashwatha S/o Late Chikkanna, Padma W/o Late Srinivasa K.C, Doddaraju S/o Late Govindappa, Narayanappa S/o Late Chikkanna, Mamatha K.G S/o Late D. Govindappa, Deepashree G S/o Late D. Govindappa, Maranna S/o Late Kenchanna, Chandrakala K.G S/o Late D. Govindappa, Drakshayanamma W/o Late C. Dyamanna, Jayamma D/o Late Chikkanna, Gowramma W/o Late Rajappa, Maranna S/o Late Kenchanna, K.C. Ranganatha S/o Late Chikkanna, K.C. Ashwatha S/o Late Chikkanna, Padma W/o Late Srinivasa K.C, Chandraka K.G D/o Late D. Govindappa, Mamatha K.G D/o Late D. Govindappa, Doddaraju G S/o Late D. Govindappa, Deepashree G D/o Late D. Govindappa, Ranganatha S/o Late Doddanna, LIngamma W/o Late Narayanappa (370/5), Mamatha K.G W/o G.K. Girish (370/6), Deepashree K.G W/o Thippeswamy (370/7), K.N. Ranganatha S/o Narayanappa (370/8)
15	373	Private	Dry	0.05564	S. Shashikumar S/o Shivanna (373/1), Rangamma W/o Late Rangappa (373/2), Rahul M S/o Mahesh Aaradhya, Land acquisition for National Highway 544E from Andhra Pradesh border to Shira (373/3)
16	374	Private	Dry	0.316156	Government (Kharab)
17	491	Private	Dry	0.010117	Junjamma W/o Ranganna (491/1) K.V. Gangadharaiah S/o Late Veerabhadraiah (491/3), Junjanna S/o Hosurappa (491/4), Narasappa S/o Dasappa (491/5), Junjamma W/o Ranganna (491/6), Junjanna S/o Hosurappa (491/7), Eeranna S/o Chikkarangappa (491/8), Govindappa S/o Chikkarangappa (491/9), S.P Veena W/o K.V. Gangadharaiah (491/10), K.V. Gangadharaiah S/o Late Veerabhadraiah (491/11), K.V. Umesharadhya S/o Late Veerachadraiah (491/12),), K.V. Umesharadhya S/o Late Veerachadraiah (491/13), T. Gundappa S/o N.G. Thippaiah (491/14)
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19	493	Private	Dry	0.0126462	E. Chandranna S/o Eeranna (493/1A), Rajanna S/o Late Narayanappa (493/2), Mariyanna S/o Puttaiah (493/3A), Puttarangamma W/o Late Puttanna Urf Puttaiah (493/3B), K. Manjunatha S/o Late K. Hanumanthappa (493/3C), Eeranna S/o Late Muddanna (493/1B1), Linganna S/o Late Linganna (493/1B2), Thippanna S/o Late Narayanappa (493/4), Smt. Sujatha K.R W/o Ranganatha. R (493/5), Rajanna S/o Late Narayanappa (493/6), Smt. Sunitha K.R. W/o Raghupathi S.R (493/7), Smt. Sujatha K.R W/o Ranganatha. R (493/8), Lingmma D/o Sakamma (493/9), Eeranna Muddanna (493/10), Thippanna S/o Narayanappa (493/11)
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26	71	Private	Garden	0.0025292	Eramma C/o Chennappa, C Eranna Bin Chennappa, K C Rajanna Bin Chennappa, K C Mukundappa Bin Chennappa, K C Sanneerappa Bin Sanneerappa, R Basavarajappa Bin Revanna, Shanthamma C/o Late R Channaveeraiah. (71/2A, 71/3)
27	97	Private	Garden	0.0126462	Kyathanna Bin Doddeerappa, Ningamma Bin Late Linganna Urf Lingappa. K L Jayaramu Bin Late Linganna Urf Lingappa. K L Devaraju Bin Late Linganna Urf Lingappa. Narasamma C/o Ranganna. (97/1, 97/2)
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Village: Kallukote					
29	193	Private	Dry/ Garden	0.0961115	C Mallanna Bin Channabasavayya, Rathnamma C/o C Rajanna, R Prasanna Bin Chandrashekar R, Paramesh K M Bin Late Mallanna
30	195	Private	Dry	0.0075877	Prathap Singh Bin Narayanasingh, Subba singh bin Narayanasingh , Mahesh Singh Bin Narayanasingh.
Village: Vojukunte					
31	67	Private	NAK/Dry	0.0025292	Suma C C/o Manjunath (Bhoo pa) , N A Kharabu, G Annapoorna C/o Shivakumar M, H R Krushnamurthy Bin V S Rangappa (Bhoo Pa), Nidi Narayan Bin P C Narayan, T Giriraja Bin Late Thimmaiah, V Umesh Bin Vasanthakumar
Village: Koratakere					
32	21/1	Private	BuiltUp area	0.0111	Linganna S/o Alingappa (21)
33	33/14	Private	BuiltUp area	0.0149	Nagaraju S/o Hanumantharayappa
34	34/15/1	Private	BuiltUp area	0.0111	Gomala, Executive Officer Taluk Panchayat Sira for the purpose of Asylum Scheme (34)
35	35/15/2	Private	BuiltUp area	0.0111	Muddappa S/o Reddyhalli Kodappa, Sanna Hanumappa S/o Akkammajja Ramanna, Muddanna S/o Kodappa (35/1), Gopalappa S/o Thimmanna (35/2), Ranganathappa S/o Late Thimmanna (35/3), Ranganathappa S/o Rangappa (35/4), Ashwathappa S/o Late Rangappa (35/5), Aswathappa S/o Rangappa (35/6), Govindappa Late Giriyanna (35/7), Govindpa S/o Giriyanna (35/8)
36	42/25	Private	BuiltUp area	0.0167	Minar Irigation
37	46/29/1	Private	BuiltUp area	0.0178	Anjaneya Ramadevaru, D. Hiregowda, Ramanna, Gangappa, Thimmaiah, Honnarangappa (46)
38	64	Private	Dry	0.010117	Nagarajappa Bin Lingappa, Thimmakka C/o Hanumanthappa, Dasappa Bin Hanumanthappa, Sannarangamma C/o Late Ugrappa. Chikkarangappa, Lakkanna Bin Poo Rangaiah, Lakshmamma C/o Doddarangappa, Jayamma C/o Late Ranganna, Lakkamma C/o Late Hanumanthaiah. Muddanna Bin Late Lingappa. (64/1, 64/2, 64/3, 64/4, 64/5A, 64/6, 64/7)
39	77/50	Private	BuiltUp area	0.0056	Rajamma D/o Late Rangashyamappa, Kamalamma D/o Late Rangashyamappa, Devaraju S/o Late Rangashyamappa, Ranganatha S/o Late Rangashyamappa Ramesh S/o Late Rangashyamappa (77)
Village: Gollahalli S. I					
40	16	Private	Dry	0.0278217	Ramanna Bin Rangappa, G R Kariyappa Bin Rangappa
41	17/5	Private	Garden	0.020234	Kenchamma C/o Late saunarugappa
42	24/1	Private	Dry	0.0025292	Doddarangappa Bin Late Kariyanna
43	27/1	Private	Wet	0.159343	Venkataswamy S/o Late Thimappa
44	27/2	Private	Wet	0.0935822	Lakshmamma W/o Late Thimmanna Urf Tailor Thimmanna
45	27/3	Private	Wet	0.091053	Mangamma W/o Late Ramanna, Balakrishnappa S/o Rangappa
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Congress demands JPC probe into Rajesh Exports case

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Congress on Friday demanded a probe by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) into the controversial company Rajesh Exports Ltd., claiming that the ruling BJP has made India's long-standing integrity in economic matters a "laughing stock" for the world.

Pawan Khera

The Party's Media and Publicity Department Chairman Pawan Khera said the public deserves to know whether this was "merely a case of corporate misreporting or whether deeper failures of regulatory oversight" allowed such alleged discrepancies to persist for years, as he batted for a "time-bound, transparent and independent" JPC probe.

"The Modi Government cannot continue to preside over the steady erosion of trust in India's financial institutions. Investors, shareholders, pensioners and ordinary citizens deserve regulators that are independent, vigilant and fearless — not institutions weakened by political interference and proximity to powerful crony corporate interests," he said.

In jolt to Cong, JMM weighs 2 RS candidates in Jharkhand

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Rajya Sabha elections in Jharkhand are turning more intriguing, with the JMM on Friday weighing the option of fielding two candidates, a move that could jeopardise the prospects of the candidate fielded by its ally Congress.

Chief Minister and JMM supremo Hemant Soren met party MLAs and ministers, and some leaders demanded that the party contest both seats.

On Friday, the Congress announced that senior leaders Bhupesh Baghel and Ajay Sharma will be observers in Jharkhand, to ensure there is no cross-voting and an agreement is reached between both parties.

The Congress announced its candidate — Pranav Jha — on Thursday after party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi held discussions with Soren. Soren did not respond to their request; the JMM was irked that the Congress announced candidate without informing it.

The JMM-led alliance has 56 MLAs, and both candidates can win the polls, as a candidate needs 28 votes for victory. The JMM has not announced its nominees yet and has authorised Soren to take a call.

Yogi, Akhilesh trade barbs over 'tap theft' jibe

LUCKNOW, DHNS: The next Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh may still be several months away, but the political rivals have already started targeting each other with personal attacks.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday raked up the 'tap theft' issue to target Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav, though without taking his name, triggering a sharp response from the latter.

"We expanded the tap water in every home scheme, but someone, somewhere is stealing taps," Adityanath said at an event here.

However, his remarks were perceived as an attempt to rake up his party's allegations of 'tap theft' from the official residence of the CM after Akhilesh lost the 2017 Assembly polls and vacated the CM bungalow.

Reacting sharply, Akhilesh, said on 'X', that the "intoxicants rob one of reason".

He decried the remarks and said, "It's a sign of desperation from anticipating defeat."

Oppn bloc faces test of DMK, TMC struggles

But first, it must counter Centre's delimitation plan

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THE CHALLENGES

- DMK distances itself from I.N.D.I.A bloc because Congress allied with TVK in Tamil Nadu
- TMC's leadership struggles add to alliance's challenges
- However, I.N.D.I.A-bloc managers are hopeful that DMK will not wreck arrangement, as going soft on BJP would hamper coalition's interests

The DMK's decision not to attend Monday's I.N.D.I.A-bloc meeting due to the Congress' presence but to coordinate with non-Congress parties on national issues and the Trinamool Congress' struggles after their electoral debacles are all set to rewrite the Opposition playbook in the fight against the BJP.

An urgency is being felt within the I.N.D.I.A bloc to reinvigorate the Opposition mechanism beyond Parliamentary cooperation. However, the latest developments in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have posed challenges to the struggles on the streets.

The immediate challenge would be to ward off the Central government's attempt to use the Opposition's struggles to bring in a new delimitation regime, which it had failed to do in April.

With the DMK distancing itself from the Opposition bloc because the Congress allied with the TVK in Tamil Nadu, protest programmes in the near future could be affected. The Opposition's diminished clout and the TMC's leadership struggles would add to the bloc's challenges.

I.N.D.I.A-bloc managers, however, are hopeful that the DMK would not wreck the arrangement owing to its political compulsions in Tamil Nadu, as going soft on the BJP would be detrimental to its interests.

Interestingly, sparring partners at the state level have continued to be part of the I.N.D.I.A bloc, as one sees in West Bengal, where the Congress, the Left, and the TMC fight each other. The Congress and the Left are at loggerheads in Kerala as well.

The DMK, which had stood resolute behind the Congress when it faced trouble from allies, may either take the TMC route or the AAP way in dealing with the Congress at the national level.

The TMC used to oscillate on issues and tried to create a ginger group within the I.N.D.I.A bloc to pressure the Congress, while the AAP avoided being seen with it. However, recent poll results have drastically changed the TMC. It now seeks the Congress' unflinching support to overcome the crisis.

The Left parties, too, have grouses with the Congress, as its top leader Rahul Gandhi expanded his January 2025 template of targeting his allies as the BJP's B-Team to Kerala, where he attacked the CPM and Pinarayi Vijayan.

The TMC and Mamata Banerjee also faced his ire, but Rahul was quick to support them after the polls.

Pregnant woman among 3 Kukis killed in Manipur

Attack heinous & cowardly: CM calls for fast action

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Unidentified miscreants killed three Kuki persons — including a pregnant woman and her husband — in the Kangpokpi district on Friday morning amid growing tension in Manipur's hill districts dominated by the Kukis and the Nagas.

Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) spokesperson Janghaolun Haokip said the attack was carried out around 4 am at the Loibol Khullen village, killing the three on the spot, while seven houses were set ablaze.

The victims were identified as Letkhongam Haokip, his wife Tinmary Haokip, and Jangminlal Haokip. Tinmary was seven months pregnant, he said.

The KIM alleged the involvement of the NSCN-IM and the Zeliangrong United Front (K) — two armed Naga groups — in the attack, but a police officer told *DH* that the investigation was still underway to identify the killers.

Kangpokpi is a Kuki-dominated district, but has a Naga population as well. It shares a boundary with two Naga-dominated districts, Ukhrul and Senapati, which have also witnessed sporadic incidents of conflict involving the two communities in the past few months.

"The deliberate killing of innocent persons and the destruction of homes and livelihoods constitute a serious violation of human dignity and fundamental human rights," said the KIM in a statement.

Blockade on NH-37 in Manipur. PTI FILE

Trail of Violence

- **April 7:** Five, including two children, killed in two incidents in Meitei-dominated Bishnupur district.
- **April 10:** BSF jawan from Bengal killed in an ambush in the Litan area in Ukhrul district.
- **April 18:** Two Tangkhul Nagas killed in an ambush on passenger vehicles allegedly by Kukis on the Imphal-Ukhrul Road.
- **April 21:** One Meitei man injured in firing by security forces in Thoubal district after a mob tried to vandalise CM's event.
- **April 24:** Two Nagas and a Kuki killed in gunfights in Ukhrul district.
- **May 13:** Three church leaders belonging to the Thadou tribe (part of Kuki-Zo) gunned down in Kangpokpi. Six Nagas and 14 Kukis abducted are untraceable.
- **May 29:** A truck driver from Bengal shot dead in Ukhrul, allegedly by Kuki armed persons.

'Kuki-Zo insecurity'

Chief Minister Y Khemchand Singh called the attack "heinous and cowardly", and asserted that the deliberate targeting of unarmed civilians was completely unacceptable. He also said the government would not spare those responsible for this barbaric act.

He directed the police and security agencies to apprehend the perpetrators at the earliest.

Condemning the fresh killings, the Kuki Zo Council said repeated attacks had deepened fear and insecurity within the Kuki-Zo community. "We place our trust in the Indian security forces and earnestly appeal to them to provide adequate protection to our villages," the council said.

Speaking local language: Inside Annamalai's break from BJP

ANALYSIS

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For Kuppusamy Annamalai, the BJP was both his biggest plus and minus. The party gave him the platform to plunge into politics, quickly establishing him as one of the most popular young politicians not just in Tamil Nadu, but across the country.

On the flip side was the BJP's Hindi-Hindutva politics, which resonates little with the people of Tamil Nadu. Here, Annamalai was tasked with building the party as not just a political alternative but also an ideological counter to the Dravidian majors.

At a time when Annamalai was seeking to project himself and the BJP as change agents, TVK leader C Joseph Vijay upset all calculations. Vijay's cinematic popularity and the cult status he enjoys among his supporters helped him take on the DMK, a dynamic which eventually forced the BJP to tie up with the AIADMK.

Annamalai did not approve of the alliance but continued to work for the party. He understood that the space for national parties, especially entities like the BJP, had shrunk in Tamil Nadu, a state that overwhelmingly supports native politics.

Even Vijay, who promised change, subscribed to the Dravidian ideology, which the BJP feels is obsolete. The TVK and Vijay's phenomenal success seem to have pushed Annamalai to bite the bullet and disassociate from the BJP.

Right timing

The timing may have been right for Annamalai — the two Dravidian parties have been overthrown by a newcomer, raising questions about the ideological commitment the state was always known for.

With the AIADMK weakening further following the emergence of the TVK and the DMK still licking its wounds, Annamalai may be trying to project the future politics of the state as a three-way battle between Vijay, Udhayanidhi Stalin and himself. It seems Annamalai believes there is a vacuum for Opposition politics in Tamil Nadu and wants to prepare himself to leverage the anti-incumbency that might develop against the new Vijay government.

Annamalai's age — 42, a decade younger than Vijay — his roots in the powerful and entrepreneurial Gounder community, and his articulate nature may all play to his advantage. In the long run, he could also seek to consolidate OBC support, especially with Vijay and his TVK drawing backing from Dalits.

It will be a long haul, requiring major effort to challenge cult and dynasty politics, but Annamalai's connect with the people makes him a formidable challenger to both TVK and the Dravidian majors.

Annamalai vows cult-free politics

CHENNAI, DHNS

FRESH FLUX

- Annamalai vows to contest next Assembly polls
- Asks supporters not to quit parties immediately, says movement will take time to evolve
- 10 lakh sign up as former IPS officer revives 'We the Leaders'
- BJP says exit won't affect the party

Days after resigning from the BJP, former Karnataka-cadre IPS officer K Annamalai on Friday announced the launch of a new political movement that he said would evolve into a party and contest the next Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, promising a "new political culture" free of cult and personality politics.

In an address on his social media channels, Annamalai said Tamil Nadu needed another political party and made a passionate plea to all sections of society to join his movement for the state's development.

One of the BJP's most popular faces in South India, Annamalai invoked former President APJ Abdul Kalam, late actor-politician Vijayakanth and Tamil superstar Rajinikanth during his address, stressing the need to build a party of trained leaders.

Annamalai's exit from the BJP and launch of a new movement mark a significant turn in Tamil Nadu politics, after Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay's rapid rise to power, which broke the 59-year-old DMK-AIADMK duopoly.

The BJP formally relieved Annamalai by publicly announcing his resignation — a rare move that sparked speculation he was being allowed to chart his own course with the leadership's blessings, as the saffron party has struggled to make inroads in Tamil Nadu.

'We the Leaders' — the organisation Annamalai founded in 2020 — saw big support, with over 10 lakh people joining after his address.

Tamil Nadu BJP chief Nainar Nagenthiran said Annamalai's exit won't affect the party.

"We will certainly contest the next elections in Tamil Nadu," Annamalai said. He also urged supporters not to immediately quit their parties, as it would take time for his movement to evolve into a party.

Ethnicity trumps seniority as 12 MLAs inducted into Assam Cabinet

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

Supporters greet Himanta Biswa Sarma after the ministers' swearing-in ceremony in Guwahati. PTI

Ethnicity apparently was given preference over seniority as 12 MLAs — including four new faces — were inducted into Assam's Himanta Biswa Sarma-led Cabinet on Friday.

Among the new entrants are Ashwini Ray Sarkar, a Bengali Hindu from western Assam; Biswajit Daimari, a Bodo hailing from the Bodoland Territorial Region; and Sushanta Borgohain, an Ahom from eastern Assam.

Bengali Hindus, Bodos, and Ahoms have have been a vote bank or supporters of the BJP since 2014.

Daimari, who served as the Speaker of the last Assembly, had switched from Bodoland People's Front, an ally of the BJP, in 2020.

Nilima Devi, who served as president of the Assam unit of the BJP Mohila Morcha before being elected as an MLA for the first time, is the fourth new entrant into the Sarma ministry.

Devi became the second woman minister after Ajanta Neog.

Ashok Singhal, Bimal Borah, Jayanta Mallabaruah, Kaushik Rai, Keshab Mahanta, Krishnendu Paul, Pijush Hazarika, and Ranoj Pegu, who had served as ministers in Sarma's first Cabinet (2021-2026), were also sworn in as ministers by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

Mahanta is a senior MLA from Asom Gana Parishad, BJP's ally since 2001.

With the induction on Friday, the total number of ministers in the Cabinet increased to 17.

Two ministers' posts, however, are still vacant.

On May 12, Sarma and four other MLAs — Rameswar Teli and Neog from the BJP, Atul Bora from the AGP, and Charan Boro from the BPF, another BJP ally — had been sworn in.

Among the seniors who were sidelined are Chandra Mohan Patowary, Pradyut Bordoloi and Bhupen Kumar Borah.

Sharmila stunned as Cong names Rajya Sabha picks

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HYDERABAD, DHNS

The Congress' latest Rajya Sabha picks came as a rude surprise to Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) chief YS Sharmila and her team, particularly the inclusion of senior spokesperson Pawan Khera under the Karnataka quota.

Sharmila had hoped to be accommodated in the Karnataka list, which had three vacancies, the highest from any single state. Other states in contention, including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand, had only one seat each, intensifying the competition. In all, the Congress secured seven of the roughly 20 seats up for grabs in the Upper House.

Sharmila's camp had been confident that party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Mansoor Ali Khan would be fielded from Karnataka, with the third seat expected to go to her. What they did not anticipate was Khera, widely regarded as a senior and deserving leader, being accommodated from Karnataka rather than another state.

YS Sharmila

When Sharmila joined the Congress, it is understood she was assured a Rajya Sabha berth by the central leadership. She was later sent to Andhra Pradesh with a dual mandate: to take on her brother, then chief minister and YSRCP supremo YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, and to revive the Congress organisation that had been reduced to the margins in the coastal state.

What made the omission particularly painful for Sharmila's team was the timing. Just days before the list was announced, she had been summoned to Delhi, where she met the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and was reportedly given assurances of a berth.

Sharmila will now have to wait for the next round of Rajya Sabha vacancies.

'Environment concerns sacrificed'

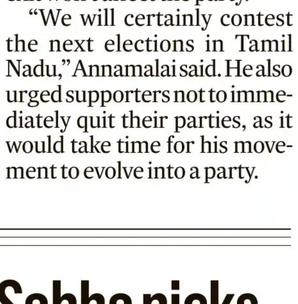
MUMBAI, DHNS: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief Raj Thackeray on Friday used World Environment Day to launch a sharp attack on the BJP-led central and state governments, alleging that environmental concerns were being sacrificed in the name of development.

Taking to X, Thackeray said nearly 1,73,984 hectares of forest land was diverted over the past 11 years for mining, roads and other projects. "All of this was done for their favourite, one-and-only Adani Group."

Raj alleged that while PM Narendra Modi spoke about climate change in *Mann Ki Baat*, the government's real priority was to benefit a handful of industrialists regardless of the impact on forests and the environment.

Great Nicobar project meant to benefit Adani: Rahul

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday intensified his opposition to the Great Nicobar Island Project, describing the claims that it is about defence as a "lie" and alleging that the Modi government is hiding behind the military to benefit Gautam Adani to build hotels and casinos on India's "most irreplaceable ecological land".



Rahul Gandhi during a visit to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. X PHOTO

Releasing a 16.04-minute video based on his visit to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on April 28 during which he interacted with local residents and tribals and dived into coral reefs, the Leader of the Opposition in the LS said he stands for ecologically balanced development.

Coinciding with the World Environment Day, he also launched an online petition against the project, asking whether people want rainforests to be "bulldozed for casinos, coral reefs erased from maps and tribal communities pushed off their land."

"The Modi government is destroying Great Nicobar Island. More than 1.5 crore trees, ancient coral reefs, irreplaceable rainforests are being destroyed — to profit one businessman. This is your inheritance (which) they are bulldozing. And only you can stop them. Sign the petition," he said.

He said the government and BJP tell people that the project is about defence. "It is not. Expand INS Baaz — we will back the government fully. The navy has been asking for expansion for five years — it has been ignored," he said.

"...don't give me this nonsense about the defence of India. Every single BJP person who is spreading this is trying to protect Adani, his interests and his link with the PM (Narendra Modi)," he added.

Mamata reaches out to rebels as TMC splinters

KOLKATA, PTI: TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee has launched efforts to prevent further exodus from the party following the first split in its 28-year history.

She has personally reached out to rebel legislators, even as senior leaders are working to hold together the flock that appears increasingly restless after the post-poll rupture.

Sources in the party said Banerjee has, over the past two days, spoken to several MLAs from Howrah, Murshidabad and North Dinajpur, many of whom were seen attending meetings of the Ritabrata Banerjee-led rebel camp after 58 legislators seized control of the TMC legislature party and installed the expelled MLA as the leader of the Opposition.

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The calls come at a time when the TMC founder finds herself in the unfamiliar position of fighting to retain leaders she had once handpicked and politically nurtured.

"She is speaking to legislators individually and asking them to attend a meeting at Kalighat on Friday," a senior TMC leader said.

"The effort is to keep communication channels open and explore the possibility of reconciliation," added the leader.

According to party insiders, parallel damage-control exercises are underway in Parliament as well.

Outreach efforts

Two trusted TMC MPs — one each from the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha — have reportedly been tasked with contacting party colleagues and persuading them not to abandon the organisation for the "new Trinamool" being built by the Ritabrata camp.

The outreach reflects growing concern within the remaining TMC leadership that the Assembly rebellion could spill over into Parliament and local bodies if not contained quickly.

Islamic scholars issue diktat amid IUML lamp row

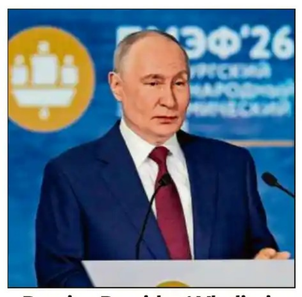
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: Amidst a row over the first Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) woman MLA, Fathima Thahiliya, lighting a traditional lamp at a function, a prominent forum of Islamic scholars in Kerala has maintained that believers of Islam should keep off practices — like lighting traditional lamps — that other religions follow.

The matter was discussed at a recent meeting of the Samastha Kerala Jem-Iyyathul Ulamma.

Offered Su-57 jet joint production, India said 'let's see': Putin

Russia ready to develop air defence systems with Delhi

ST PETERSBURG, PTI



Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers a speech during a plenary session of the St Petersburg International Economic Forum, Russia, on Friday. REUTERS

Russian President Vladimir Putin has offered New Delhi Russia's fifth-generation stealth aircraft Sukhoi Su-57 and suggested that the combat jet could even be jointly produced in India in line with the strong strategic partnership between the two countries.

For decades, Russia has served as India's primary defence supplier. However, persistent supply chain disruptions and delivery delays stemming from the war in Ukraine have forced New Delhi to aggressively diversify its military procurement strategy.

After a years-long search for a fifth-generation fighter jet, India has launched its ambitious Advanced Multirole Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project, widely regarded as the nation's largest indigenous aerospace programme.

Putin delving into various aspects of India-Russia defence and military ties, said Moscow is still keen to involve New Delhi in the Su-57 aircraft programme.

"As for the Su-57, we offered our friends from India to jointly develop this machine, a fifth-generation aircraft. I think it's the best to date. But our Indian friends said, 'well, let's see'," he said.

"In principle, this could have been our (Russia-India) product. We made it independently. And we are ready to work with India. To work and develop. There will be no restrictions whatsoever," he said.

It is learnt that New Delhi has not yet completely closed its doors on the Russian offer, as state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is in touch with the Sukhoi Design Bureau, the manufacturer of the jet, for possible collaboration.

As the aircraft under the AMCA project is unlikely to join the Indian Air Force (IAF) before 2035, the government is considering the procurement of at least two squadrons (around 36) of Su-57s, provided they fulfil the technical specifications.

In his remarks, Putin also expressed Russia's willingness to join hands with India in development of other critical platforms, including integrated air defence systems.

Top court stays deportation of two women in Assam

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday stayed the deportation of two women who have been detained in a Goalpara detention camp in Assam after being declared foreigners by a tribunal.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and V Mohana passed the interim order while issuing notice on the special leave petitions filed by the two women.

"Issue notice, returnable on 16th July, 2026. In the meantime, status quo, as it exists today, shall be maintained. Petitioner, if they are in detention, shall not be deported till the next date of listing i.e. 16th July, 2026," the bench ordered.

The petitioners — Saleha Khatun and Sarbhanu Begum — have been languishing in the Goalpara detention camp since March 2, following orders passed by the Foreigners Tribunal at Darrang, which were upheld by the Gauhati High Court.

Advocate Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that both women, who are illiterate and over 50 years old, belong to economically vulnerable backgrounds and have been separated from their families.

Sarbhanu Begum's plea stated that she is the daughter of Indian parents whose names figure in pre-1971 electoral records of a village in Nagaon district.

Legacy data

It was submitted that NRC legacy data of her father, voter lists, certificates from Gaonburah and Gaon Panchayat, family electoral documents, and oral testimony of her brother to prove her lineage and long-standing residence in Assam. Similarly, Saleha Khatun contended that she is the daughter of Ahsan Ali and Lt. Korpuljan, whose names were reflected in pre-1971 electoral rolls.

The court issued notices to the Assam government, the Centre and other respondents, seeking their response within four weeks.

20-yr probe: SC slams delay, asserts right to speedy justice

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court has held that the right to a speedy and fair investigation forms an integral part of the fundamental right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution, and constitutional courts cannot remain silent spectators when confronted with cases of prolonged delays in probes.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and Augustine George Masih expressed serious concern over an inordinate delay of nearly two decades in completing the investigation into a criminal complaint, underlining the maxim that "justice delayed is justice denied".

The court was hearing an appeal against a 2025 judgment of the Gujarat High Court that had dismissed a writ petition seeking directions to the police to file a chargesheet in a complaint filed in 2007.

The case pertained to a complaint filed by father of the appellants before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Bhiloda, against four persons. The complainant alleged that his property was transferred using forged documents in 2002.

Despite key developments — including a report in 2017 confirming that the signatures on the forged documents were not those of the complainant — the investigation failed to reach any logical conclusion.

The SC criticised both the police and the HC for their handling of the matter. It directed the State of Gujarat and the Bhiloda police station to conclude the investigation within six weeks.

Supreme Court issues contempt notice to acting AIIMS director

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court has issued a contempt notice to the acting director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, and directed him to appear in person with an explanation, while taking strong exception to the failure to file a proper affidavit.

A bench of Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and R Mahadevan expressed shock over the manner in which AIIMS responded to its directive in a matrimonial dispute.

The court had impleaded the AIIMS director on April 16 and specifically asked him to submit an explanation by filing an affidavit.

However, the affidavit was filed by one Nishant Kumar, claiming to be deputy secretary at AIIMS-New Delhi.

The bench strongly disapproved of this, stating that the court had sought a personal explanation from the director and it was not open to any official to authorise someone else to furnish it.

The apex court was informed that there is currently no permanent director at AIIMS-New Delhi.

When queried as to why the person holding the charge had not filed the affidavit, the response was that he was only in a temporary capacity.

"We pause here to indicate that we had specifically sought explanation to be furnished by Director, AIIMS, and it is not within discretion of any person to submit his/her explanation by authorising someone else to do same," the bench observed.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie

LOU, THIS IS CLAM CHOWDER, AND I ORDERED CHICKEN SOUP
REALLY?
I'LL SEE IF THE COOK MADE A MISTAKE
THAT CLAM CHOWDER WAS MY LUNCH!

Hagar The Horrible

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts

I KNOW YOU'RE LONELY
I STILL THINK YOU SHOULD GET OUT MORE, AND I THINK YOU SHOULD MIX WITH YOUR OWN KIND...
WHY DON'T YOU GET A FEW BIRDS OF A FEATHER, AND FLOCK TOGETHER?
IT WAS JUST A SUGGESTION...

Marvin

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CEEEM

TDOIT

UGTAOE

SFLISO

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek
SOLD
1.5 ACRES GREAT VIEWS
I love imagining how great our house will be here.
It will be beautiful.
UNTIL THEIR NEW HOUSE WAS BUILT THERE, THE VACANT LOT WAS A ---
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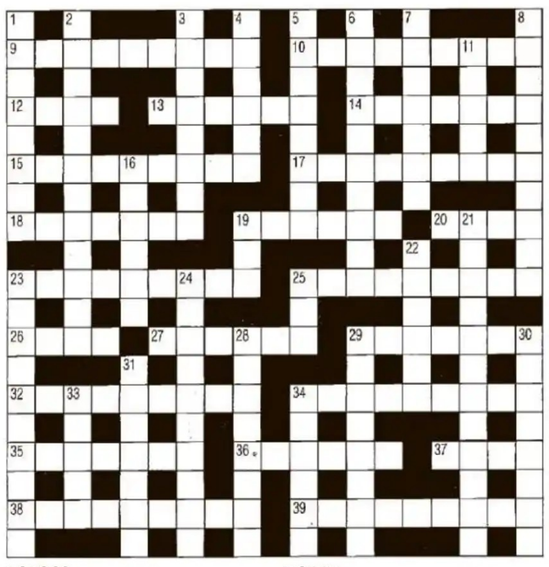
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: " " (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BANJO KITTY HUDDLE CIRCUS
Answer: To avoid helping clean up, the mallard decided to — DUCK OUT

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 4043



ACROSS

9 Drug used to treat asthma (9)
10 Type of tree (9)
12 Excellent (4)
13 Placard (6)
14 Radioactive substance (7)
15 Native Australian (9)
17 Relieved of anxieties (9)
18 Biggest (7)
19 Person who represents another (6)
20 Dried sore (4)
23 Plan of travel (9)
25 In a friendly manner (9)
26 Aromatic herb (4)
27 Restaurant worker (6)
29 Indications of danger (7)
32 Stable worker (9)
34 Boastfulness (9)
35 Baseball fielder (7)
36 Mammal of northern seas (6)
37 Surety (4)
38 Capacity to endure (9)
39 Preparedness (9)

DOWN

1 Sphere of minced beef (8)
2 American nightjar (12)
3 Person with two spouses (8)
4 Spiritualists' meeting (6)
5 Hard sweet (8)
6 Patron (10)
7 Opposed to (7)
8 Amazingly (10)
11 Go in (5)
16 Wild goats (6)
19 Period of time (3)
21 Cooperated as traitor (12)
22 Installation in sea (3,3)
23 Coarse (10)
24 Greenish-blue colour (10)
25 Demure (3)
28 Trailing plant (8)
29 Court of justice (8)
30 Small telescope (8)
31 Collection of fruit trees (7)
33 Indispensable (5)
34 Nylon fabric fastening (6)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS

9 While gaining ground previously (2,7)
10 Before Eve came along Adam was liable to err (4,5)
12 Will a great many houses be built on them? (4)
13 To satisfy, get a permanent home (6)
14 It's black with a silver background (7)
15 Lecture about how birds preen themselves (5,4)
17 How one goes to surpass by outnumbering a little? (3,6)
18 The first few are horrid (7)
19 Sell again at the end (6)
20 The story is good, set in the city (4)
23 No longer blue, having made a lot of money (7,2)
25 By autumn, most of their leaves have gone (9)
26 Settles in a foreign country (4)
27 Was changing the bandage (6)
29 Add "Inside there's a bird bone" (7)
32 Suitable expression for the sergeant major giving an order? (5,4)
34 Very well, better it, chum! (9)
35 Beside a bar out East (7)
36 Continue slowly and boringly --- it's monstrous! (6)
37 A big name in astronomy? (4)
38 Teas for three at the tea dance? (3-3-3)
39 They keep servants (9)

DOWN

1 Gave all the information to while one dealt with the forms (6,2)
2 By which the bowler's baby arrived with no complications? (4,8)
3 Mount up and trot after the animal (8)
4 Be taking on a number only to get vanquished (6)
5 Is revealed when one makes one's exit (5,3)
6 A refutation issued from home? (4,6)
7 The cleaner the better half will hire (7)
8 Shipwrecked and icy cold (2,3,5)
11 I came in very damp (5)
16 Pries up with metal objects (6)
19 Knock up as usual (3)
21 Not much to look at, the fool, and he's not in uniform (5,7)
22 Where oxygen is taken, or absorbed (6)
23 Suitable accompaniment for a spring meal? (5,5)
24 Early morning rush (4,6)
25 Those waiting to hear a signal (3)
28 It's best to hide, anyhow, when coming in terribly late (3,5)
29 Stays to have a meal and drinks after (8)
30 Spring roses in a bunch for the dignitary's wife (8)
31 Affix a note to the case (7)
33 Put the dog-end out, dear girl (5)
34 Helps one in and seats are provided (6)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12432

CRYPTIC

ACROSS: 1, Scrap 6, Ca-U-se 9, Gent-lan 10, Un-L-et 11, Storm 12, Forte 13, S-add-led 15, VE-t 17, I-dea 18, Cur-ate 19, Deb-u-t 20, Cutter 22, Ribs 24, Era 25, Sine die 26, Ra-p-id 27, On top 28, Tilth 29, Sorters 30, As-ke-d 31, Yearn

DOWN: 2, Co-nra-d 3, Agenda 4, Pet 5, Stood 6, C-as-t out 7, Ante 8, Sorbet 12, F-ever 13, S-ince 14, Delta 15, Valid 16, Terse 18, Cup- Id 19, Decap-od 21, U-RA-nus 22, Revise 23, Bitter 25, Sifts 26, Rose 28, Try

EASY

ACROSS: 1, Groan 6, Board 9, Recover 10, Overt 11, Dance 12, Libel 13, Glisten 15, Her 17, Lent 18, Finite 19, Anvil 20, Report 22, Head 24, Eat 25, Clearly 26, Decoy 27, Bison 28, Idiot 29, Parasol 30, Creel 31, Needy

DOWN: 2, Revile 3, Arrest 4, Net 5, Robin 6, Bedevil 7, Oral 8, Racket 12, Leant 13, Glare 14, Inapt 15, Hiker 16, Ready 18, Filly 19, Arsenal 21, Easier 22, Handle 23, Almond 25, Coral 26, Dope 28, Ion

◆ SU-DO-KU-6925 ◆

6			5			1		7
	5		4	3	1			8
		4						
	1	8	7					6
9	3						8	1
4					9	3	2	
						5		
2			3	5	8		1	
3		5			6			9

easy

3	5	8	9	6	1	4	7	2
4	7	1	2	3	8	5	6	9
9	2	6	4	5	7	8	1	3
1	6	4	5	2	3	9	8	7
7	8	2	1	9	4	6	3	5
5	9	3	8	7	6	1	2	4
2	1	7	6	4	5	3	9	8
8	3	5	7	1	9	2	4	6
6	4	9	3	8	2	7	5	1

SOLUTION TO 6924

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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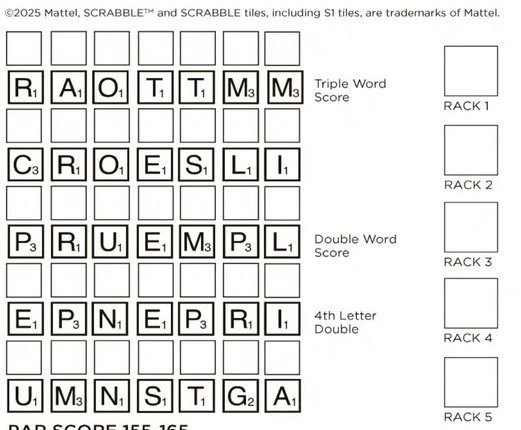
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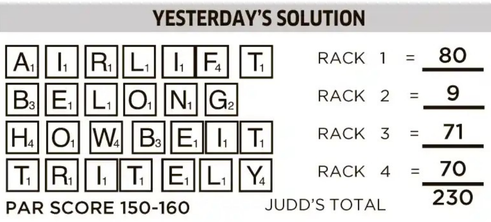
4th Letter Double
U1 M3 N1 S1 T1 G2 A1
RACK 1
RACK 2
RACK 3
RACK 4
RACK 5

PAR SCORE 155-165
by JUDD

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



RACK 1 = 80
RACK 2 = 9
RACK 3 = 71
RACK 4 = 70
JUDD'S TOTAL 230

PAR SCORE 150-160

HITORI-3379

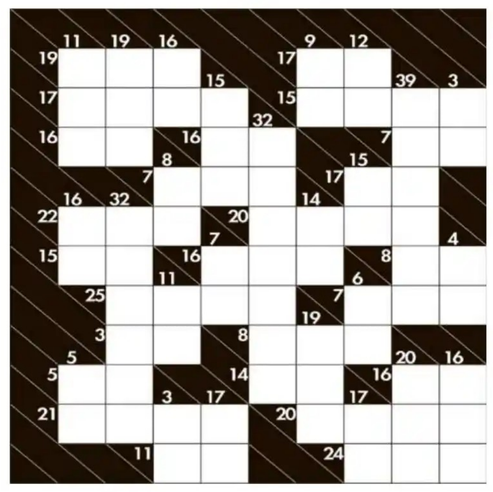
3	6	5	4	8	2	4	4
4	5	6	8	5	7	4	2
3	3	5	5	4	1	7	8
2	4	4	3	5	5	1	7
5	8	7	1	2	4	3	7
8	4	3	5	7	4	5	5
4	7	1	6	5	4	2	4
7	4	2	4	3	6	5	7

SOLUTION TO 3378

3	■	4	8	2	■	7	5
6	2	1	■	5	3	■	7
4	■	2	6	1	■	8	3
■	6	■	5	7	2	1	4
5	4	8	2	■	1	■	6
■	8	■	4	3	■	6	1
7	■	3	1	6	4	■	2
8	5	7	3	■	6	2	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3379



SOLUTION TO 3378

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3938

■	5							■
	2	4					■	
		■			9	6	8	
			■	4	■			
7				■				1
	6		1		■			
6	8	7				5		3
1	■				5		■	
■								8

SOLUTION TO 3937

1	9	6	5	2	3	8	4	7
3	2	7	8	6	4	9	5	1
4	8	5	9	7	1	6	3	2
8	6	4	7	3	9	1	2	5
5	7	1	4	8	2	3	6	9
9	3	2	1	5	6	7	8	4
6	5	3	2	9	7	4	1	8
7	4	8	3	1	5	2	9	6
2	1	9	6	4	8	5	7	3

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

EXPERIMENTAL JAB

First AI-designed 'universal vaccine' tested in humans

Researchers say experimental universal jab showed modest immune response

PARIS (FRANCE), AFP

A vaccine targeting a broad range of viruses that was designed using artificial intelligence had a "modest" effect on immune systems in a small, early trial, according to a new study.

The trial marks the first time a vaccine whose active ingredient was entirely designed by AI has been tested in humans, researchers at the University of Cambridge in the UK said on Friday.

The experimental jab is intended to be a "universal vaccine" that protects people against a range of viruses that have previously sparked deadly outbreaks, including SARS, MERS and Covid-19.

The researchers expressed hope that this type of vaccine could one day help fend off future pandemics.

"We've converted vaccine development from being reactive to being future-proof," Cambridge researcher and study co-author Jonathan Heeney said in a statement. Currently, vaccines for viruses such as flu and Covid-19 have to be regularly updated to target the latest strains.

But the new vaccine aims to produce an immune response that will protect against many pathogens — including some circulating among wild animals that might spill over into humans in the future.

"It means we can escape the constant cycle of chasing the virus variants circulating in humans and updating the vaccines to try to catch up, like a dog chasing its tail," Heeney explained.

To design the vaccine's active component, called the antigen, the researchers used a machine-learning algorithm trained on genetic data for Sarbeco coronaviruses recorded across the world.

Nearly 40 people participated in the trial between late 2021 and 2023. In the study, the researchers acknowledged that the lingering Covid-19 pandemic complicated the results. It was a Phase 1 trial, which tests whether something is safe and well tolerated, and was not intended to fully measure effectiveness. No serious side effects were recorded.

However, the vaccine had only a "modest" impact on the participants' immune systems, according to the study published in the Journal of Infection. Data collected during the trial does "not support a robust vaccine-induced increase in antibody responses beyond pre-existing levels", it added.

A Phase 2 trial involving more people will next seek to determine how protective the vaccine could be.

Anthropic calls for AI labs to pause development

Claude maker warns humans risk losing control

REUTERS

Anthropic is calling on major artificial intelligence labs to consider a coordinated and verifiable pause in development, warning that rapid advances in the technology could soon allow AI systems to improve themselves faster than society can manage the risks.

The Claude creator said AI's ability to complete tasks on its own has been doubling roughly every four months and is heading towards "recursive self-improvement", the point at which the technology can improve without human intervention.

"If systems are capable of fully building their own successors, the ways we secure them, monitor them and shape their behaviour all grow much more important," the startup said in a lengthy blog post on Thursday, adding that a pause would allow society to "deal with its immense implications". "We are not there yet, and recursive self-improvement is not inevitable. But it could come sooner than most institutions are prepared for," Anthropic co-founder Jack Clark and Anthropic Institute lead Marina Favaro wrote in the post.

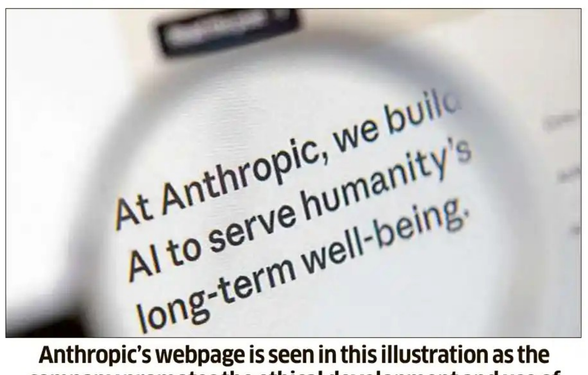
Fears that advanced AI systems may get out of human control and cause societal harm have risen as the technology becomes increasingly capable. Anthropic's own Mythos model sent shockwaves through industries, including banking and software, earlier this year with its ability to find vulnerabilities in existing code.

But regulation has been slow, especially in the US, where most leading AI labs are based. A Trump administration executive order earlier this week put the onus on the labs themselves.

AI researchers have urged a pause before but have had little success. Elon Musk, who owns AI lab xAI, was among the backers of a 2023 push by the non-profit Future of Life Institute to halt AI development for six months to allow time for safety guardrails.

Anthropic has long positioned itself as a safety-focused AI lab. Earlier this year, it refused to let the US military use its models for domestic surveillance and fully autonomous weapons, prompting backlash from the government, which placed it on a national security blacklist set to take effect later in 2026.

Still, Anthropic has continued to release increasingly powerful models and, in February, walked back a key safety pledge, saying it would no longer hold back potentially dangerous AI if rivals were close to matching its capabilities. It was recently valued at $965 billion in a massive funding round.



Anthropic's webpage is seen in this illustration as the company promotes the ethical development and use of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity. REUTERS FILE

First responders attend to a burning vehicle targeted by an Israeli drone attack in the southern Lebanese city of Nabatieh on Friday. AFP

Iran using us as bargaining chip in US talks: Lebanese prez

Aoun says his country is paying the price for Tehran's interests

BEIRUT, REUTERS

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun accused Iran of using Lebanon as a bargaining chip in its negotiations with the United States on Friday, in some of his toughest criticism yet of Tehran and its Lebanese ally Hezbollah as it wages war with Israel.

In a CNN interview, Aoun said "the people of Lebanon are paying the price ... for the sake" of Iran's interests and were "fed up" with war between Israel and Hezbollah, comments reflecting deep divisions along Lebanon's confessional and political fault lines.

"They are using Lebanon as a bargaining chip in their negotiation with the United States," Aoun said of Iran, according to excerpts of the interview published on the CNN website. "It's unacceptable."

Shia Muslim Hezbollah, founded by Iran's Revolutionary Guards in 1982, ignited the latest hostilities more than three months ago when it opened fire in solidarity with Tehran as Iran came under US-Israeli attack. Aoun, who led the Lebanese military before becoming head of state, is a Maronite Christian, as required by Lebanon's sectarian power-sharing arrangements. He has pressed for the peaceful disarmament of Hezbollah since being elected head of state by parliament last year. Early in the war, he called for face-to-face talks with Israel, further setting him at odds with the group.

Iran has made a Lebanon ceasefire a condition for any peace deal with Washington in the wider West Asian conflict that began with the US-Israeli attack on Tehran on February 28. On Thursday, Hezbollah rejected a ceasefire plan agreed by Lebanese and Israeli government officials in US-mediated talks in Washington.

Balkan leaders attend summit as EU enlargement gains urgency

TIVAT, AP/PTI: Leaders from across the European Union and the Balkans gathered in Montenegro on Friday to discuss expanding the bloc to include countries in the region, seen as a key area in countering security and economic threats posed by Russia and China.

The EU-Western Balkans summit, being held in the Adriatic Sea coastal town of Tivat, brings together EU leaders, including President Emmanuel Macron of France and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, as well as the heads of candidate countries in the Balkans.

High on the agenda will be Montenegro's EU accession.

Paramount's bid to acquire Warner Bros faces legal trouble

LOS ANGELES, REUTERS: A group of US states, including California and New York, are preparing a lawsuit to block Paramount Skydance's $110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. The lawsuit would mark the boldest move yet by the states in their effort to be at the forefront of US antitrust enforcement, as their better-funded counterpart agencies in the Trump administration take a more business-friendly view of enforcement.

No visa laws that target India, says US official

NEW YORK, PTI: Amid immigration concerns among Indians in the United States on visas such as H-1B visa, a senior American official has said that the country's visa laws are not targeting India specifically but are being consistently applied globally across the board.

"When it comes to visas... what we had here for a long time with previous administrations going back was inconsistent application of visa law. That is no longer the case. We are consistently applying visa law across the board. I think that will offer clarity," State Department Spokesperson Tommy Pigott said while responding to a question by PTI.

Trump credits Pak PM for India-Pak truce: US envoy

NEW DELHI, DHNS

President Donald Trump regards Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir as among the most trusted partners of the US in the region and credits them for the ceasefire that ended the military flare-up with India in May 2025, Natalie Baker, the acting envoy of Washington, DC, in Islamabad, said.

She also said that Washington, DC, and Islamabad had a "shared vision for security and prosperity". "A strong Pakistan is good for America, and a strong America is good for Pakistan."

Natalie was speaking at a reception she hosted to celebrate the 250th Independence Day of the US.

Sharif and Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar attended the event in Islamabad on Thursday.

"President Trump credited PM Sharif's and Field Marshal Munir's leadership with securing the May 2025 ceasefire, calling it a major contribution to preventing war between nuclear-armed neighbours," Natalie said.

KEY MILESTONE

Privately developed US nuclear reactor achieves first criticality

WASHINGTON, PTI

A new small nuclear reactor backed by the US government has achieved first criticality, marking the first such feat by a private company in more than four decades.

First criticality is the point at which a nuclear reactor achieves a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction for the first time, enabling it to produce energy in a controlled manner and paving the way for future power generation.

The Mark-0 demonstration reactor, developed by Antares Nuclear under the Reactor Pilot Programme of the US Department of Energy, is the first among several advanced reactors to go critical before July 4, when America celebrates the 250th anniversary of its independence.

The Department of Energy described the milestone, achieved on Thursday, as the "rebirth of America's nuclear industry" and a "historic moment" for US energy.

"For the first time in more than four decades, a new privately developed non-light-water reactor has reached criticality in the United States... I look forward to seeing continued progress in the American nuclear renaissance," Energy Secretary Chris Wright said in a statement.

Wright thanked President Donald Trump, as well as scientists and engineers at Antares Nuclear and Idaho National Laboratory, for helping make the project possible.

The demonstration is seen as a critical step towards generating electricity from advanced microreactors.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

The International Space Station as seen from the US space shuttle Atlantis. AFP FILE

Leak on international space station triggers safety alert

▸ Nasa said on Friday that astronauts working on the International Space Station (ISS) briefly sheltered in a docked capsule as Russian colleagues assessed leak repairs, AFP reports from Washington.

Five astronauts briefly entered the docked Dragon spacecraft as a precautionary measure. The capsule functions as a lifeboat of sorts in case an evacuation is needed. Nasa later gave the all-clear, and the astronauts were able to return to their stations. A Nasa spokesperson said Roscosmos cosmonauts took measurements of the leaks and were assessing the data. "With today's operations, they wanted to be extra safe, extra precautionary, and have the crew move into the safe-haven posture," the spokesperson said. Nasa spokesperson Bethany Stevens later said that "Nasa has instructed the crew members inside the Dragon spacecraft to end the safe-haven procedures and return to planned operations aboard the International Space Station".

PoK polls set for July 27

▸ Elections will be held in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) on July 27, the authorities announced on Friday, PTI reports from Islamabad.

India has maintained that Pakistan has been in illegal possession of the Indian Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. In a notification, the regional Election Commission said on Friday that candidates could file nomination papers from June 9 to 19, while scrutiny of the nomination papers would be carried out on June 20. Polling will take place on July 27 under the supervision of the army, paramilitary and civil armed forces, he said.

Visitors attend the inauguration of an art creation titled 'Cloud #07156' as part of the 'Fog Sculpture' by Japanese artist Fujiko Nakaya at the Rotonde de la Bourse de Commerce, in Paris on Friday. AFP

LTTE supporter arrested

▸ A 24-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly promoting the banned Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), PTI reports from Colombo.

The man, from Udayanagar in Kilinochchi, whose name was not disclosed by Sri Lankan police, was arrested four days ago for allegedly performing LTTE promotional songs during a concert held in the Navatkuli area of Jaffna district on May 31. The suspect was produced before the Magistrate's Court on Wednesday under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

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Biz Bytes

Maruti to invest Rs 925 cr toward green energy

NEW DELHI, PTI: Maruti Suzuki India Ltd on Friday said it plans to invest Rs 925 crore by FY2030-31 towards green energy initiatives, including two biogas projects.

The company will set up a 10 Tonnes Per Day (TPD) biogas plant at its Kharkhoda facility, which will be commissioned within FY2026-27, Maruti Suzuki stated. As the second initiative, the company has expanded the capacity of the biogas plant at its Manesar facility, from 0.2 TPD to 0.7 TPD, it added.

MSI MD and CEO Hisashi Takeuchi (in pic) said the company has been consistently working on initiatives aimed at reducing fossil fuel consumption and oil import dependence.

RBI imposes penalty on Canara Bank

MUMBAI, PTI: The Reserve Bank of India on Friday said it has imposed a penalty of Rs 41.8 lakh on Canara Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions, including those related to Know Your Customer norms.

After a supervisory evaluation (ISE 2025) of the bank with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2025, the RBI found that Canara Bank did not upload KYC records of certain customers onto Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) within the prescribed timeline.

ixigo to acquire majority stake in Brevistay

BENGALURU, DHNS: AI-based travel platform ixigo (Le Travenues Technology Limited) on Friday informed stock exchanges that its Board has approved the acquisition of a 54.66% stake in Brevistay Hospitality Private Limited for Rs 65.69 crore through a combination of primary and secondary share purchases, subject to the fulfilment of conditions precedent under definitive agreements.

Upon completion of the transaction, Brevistay will become a subsidiary of ixigo. The company will also have the right to acquire the remaining stake in future, subject to certain agreed conditions.

'India to surpass China in GDP share by 2060'

NEW DELHI, PTI: India is expected to surpass China in terms of its share of global GDP measured in purchasing power parity (PPP) by 2060, as Beijing's contribution is likely to decline in the second half of the 21st century, according to a report by researchers associated with World Inequality Lab (WIL).

The report, titled Global Justice Report: A Plan for Equality and Prosperity With Planetary Boundaries, said that regarding China, it is worth emphasising that its share in world GDP is currently about 20% in PPP terms (about one third higher than the US) and is scheduled to be twice as large as the US by 2035 according to our benchmark projections. "However, China's population share is falling very fast, from 23% of the world population in 1945 to about 17% in 2025 and less than 8% in 2100. As a consequence, the share of China in world GDP is projected to stabilise and decline in the second half of the 21st century, and to be overtaken by India around 2060," it said.

ECONOMIC FIX: Maintains status quo on policy interest rates for third time in a row

RBI ups inflation projection, signals rate hike

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday kept key policy interest rates unchanged for the third time in a row this year, but sharply increased its inflation projection to 5.1% for FY27 and flagged further upside risks, signalling monetary policy tightening in the coming months.

In its second bi-monthly meeting of 2026-27, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee unanimously decided to keep policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25%. Repo rate is the interest at which RBI lends money to commercial banks.

Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains steady at 5% and the marginal standing facility rate and the bank rate at 5.5%.

The central bank has maintained status quo on these policy interest rates so far this year after hiking it cumulatively by 125 basis points in 2025. This means interest charged by banks on car, home and other loans remain unchanged. The interest offered by banks on fixed deposits (FDs) also remains unchanged.

"For home loan borrowers and the real estate sector, it brings real relief, sparing existing homeowners from EMI hikes and giving new buyers a secure window to lock in mortgage rates," said Ramesh Babu, MD and CEO of Karur Vysya Bank.

However, the central bank has signalled monetary policy tightening by sharply increasing its projection on inflation.

It has increased retail inflation projection for the current financial year to 5.1%, from its earlier forecast of 4.6% announced in April.

"The committee noted that the global environment has deteriorated since the last policy meeting with the conflict lingering amidst a fragile truce. The adverse implications of the extended disruption in supply chains and elevated energy prices are reflected in the moderation of growth and increase in inflation projections from the April policy," RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said, elaborating on the rationale for the MPC's decisions.

The governor also flagged risks to the Indian economy from the sub-normal South-West monsoon forecast and El Nino.

The MPC decided to continue with a "neutral" policy stance. This means that the central bank is open to either increase or decrease rates in the coming months, depending on the incoming data.

"We expect 50 basis point rate hikes beginning in October," said Upasna Bhardwaj, Chief Economist, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

"Inflation revised upwards and growth revised downwards due to a clouded monsoon outlook and higher commodity prices on account of the ongoing West Asia war," said Ritesh Taksali, Chief Investment Officer, Edelweiss Life Insurance.

GDP projection

The central bank has also lowered its projection on India's GDP growth for the current financial year to 6.6%. For the April-June quarter, GDP growth has been pegged at 6.6%. For Q2 of the current financial year, it has been pegged at 6.3%. It is estimated at 6.5% in Q3, and 6.8% in Q4.

The Consumer Price Index-based (CPI) inflation is estimated at 4.2% in April-June quarter. It is projected to rise to 5.1% in Q2, and further to 5.9% in Q3. For the fourth quarter of the current fiscal, the RBI has pegged retail inflation at 5.4%.

Projection for core retail inflation has been raised by 30 basis points to 4.7% for 2026-27.

Malhotra flagged further upside risks to these inflation projections.

"These forecasts are subject to upside risks due to global supply-chain disruptions, global commodity price shocks, uncertainty about the spatial and temporal distribution of the south-west monsoon and El Nino conditions," he said.

RBI MONETARY POLICY

Key Takeaways

1. RBI pauses after 125 bps rate cuts: **Repo rate unchanged at 5.25% amid global uncertainties**
2. MPC retains neutral stance: **Future actions remain data-dependent**
3. Inflation outlook worsens: **FY27 CPI inflation forecast raised to 5.1%**
4. Growth forecast faces headwinds: **FY27 GDP growth projected at 6.6%**
5. Higher crude prices a concern: **Indian basket crude averaged $110/bbl in April-May**
6. Monsoon, El Niño risks flagged: **Weather risks threaten inflation and growth outlook**

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra (centre), along with Deputy Governors (from left) Shirish Chandra Murmu, Swaminathan Janakiraman, Poonam Gupta, and Rohit Jain at the MPC meeting in Mumbai on Friday. PTI

> The Q4 GDP came in higher than expected given the robust private consumption and investment. Tightening financial conditions, higher inflation and weak monsoons could weigh across urban and rural demand. We expect GDP to hover in the 6-6.3% range, depending on how these risks play out.
> **Upasna Bhardwaj,** Chief Economist, Kotak Mahindra Bank

RBI pauses amid inflation, oil, and monsoon risks

Quarter	Q1 FY27	Q2 FY27	Q3 FY27	Q4 FY27	FY27
CPI Inflation (%)	4.2	5.1	5.9	5.4	5.1
Real GDP Growth (%)	6.6	6.3	6.5	6.8	6.6

Source: RBI Monetary Policy Statement, June 2026

Polymer notes proposal under consideration: Guv

MUMBAI, PTI: RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra on Friday said a proposal to introduce polymer currency notes is under consideration of the central bank, and the idea is currently at a preliminary stage.

Malhotra said no decision has been taken in the matter as yet, and the apex bank is examining the feasibility of such a move.

"As far as polymer notes are concerned, the proposal is under consideration. As soon as any decision is taken on it, we will inform you," Malhotra said during the post-monetary policy press conference here.

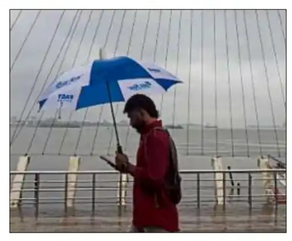
The governor said media reports on the issue carry some truth, but clarified that the central bank has not taken any decision and the proposal remains at a preliminary stage.

"We are examining the pros and cons of it and whether it would be worthwhile to implement. It is still at a preliminary stage," Malhotra said.

The RBI is evaluating the advantages and drawbacks of polymer notes and whether their introduction would be worthwhile, according to the governor.

In February 2014, the government informed Parliament that one billion plastic notes of the Rs 10 denomination would be introduced in a field trial in five cities selected for their geographical and climatic diversity. The selected cities were Kochi, Mysuru, Jaipur, Shimla and Bhubaneswar.

'Weak monsoon may impact rural demand, consumption'



MUMBAI, PTI: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra on Friday said a projected deficiency in the south-west monsoon could impact rural demand and private consumption, though mitigation measures are expected to cushion the effect.

During the post-monetary policy conference, Malhotra said rural demand and private consumption have remained healthy so far but acknowledged that some moderation may be inevitable.

"Rural demand, yes; private consumption, yes. Some impact will be there," the governor said while replying to a specific question on the issue.

Malhotra said the projected deficiency in the south-west monsoon may have implications for agricultural production and demand in rural areas.

"Additionally, the projected deficiency in the south-west monsoon will have implications for agricultural production and rural demand. However, programmes and initiatives for crop diversification, water harvesting and conservation, climate-resilient practices and short-duration crops, among others, are expected to mitigate the impact," he said.

The governor also pointed to broader risks from rising input costs and supply disruptions, which could weigh on economic activity and consumption if pressures persist.

"Going ahead, the rise in prices of energy and other inputs, coupled with supply disruptions, is likely to weigh on economic activity," he said, adding that the overall impact would depend on the duration of the conflict and the pace of supply-chain normalisation.

Further, the central bank said the rise in prices of energy and other inputs, coupled with supply disruptions, is likely to weigh on economic activity going ahead. While import diversification in affected commodities is likely to improve supply, it would come at a higher cost.

"The full impact, however, will depend on the duration of the conflict, the time taken for normalisation of supply chains and the burden-sharing approach among the stakeholders," Malhotra said.

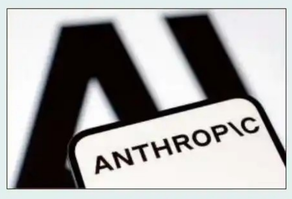
Meanwhile, the central bank lowered the GDP growth forecast by 0.30% for FY27 to 6.6%, from 6.9% earlier, due to heightened uncertainty over the West Asia crisis and downside risk.

RBI says fully prepared for 'Mythos' cyber threat; advisories issued to regulated entities

MUMBAI, PTI: The RBI on Friday said it is fully prepared to deal with cybersecurity threats linked to the Mythos platform and has already issued required advisories to regulated entities.

"We have issued the required advisories. We remain fully prepared in terms of handling cybersecurity threats of this nature as well as conventional threats," RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J said during the post-monetary policy press conference.

He said operational details are awaited regarding India getting a look into the platform built by frontier AI company Anthropic.



"This system has been engaging our attention, both at the government level and at the financial sector inter-regulatory forum level," he said.

The RBI, in consultation with the government and other regulators, will take further steps once the contours of participation become clear, he said. "We will keep the market informed once we have full details and know how we plan to handle this," he added. Mythos is an AI-based cybersecurity system developed by Anthropic to detect software vulnerabilities and emerging cyber risks before malicious actors can exploit them.

AirTrunk Founder and CEO Robin Khuda calls on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Hyperscale data centre specialist AirTrunk to invest Rs 3L cr in India

NEW DELHI, PTI: Leading hyperscale data centre specialist AirTrunk plans to invest more than Rs 3 lakh crore in India by 2030 in support of digital infrastructure capacity, positioning the country as a cornerstone of global growth strategy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday announced the investment plans of AirTrunk, the Asia-Pacific and Middle East technology company, and its strategy to develop 5 GW of data centre capacity in India after his meeting with AirTrunk Founder and CEO Robin Khuda.

"India's digital infrastructure journey is gathering remarkable momentum. AirTrunk has announced plans to invest around Rs 3 lakh crore (USD 30 billion) in India and develop 5 GW of data centre capacity. This is among the largest proposed investments in the country's digital infrastructure ecosystem," he said in a post on X.

AirTrunk CEO Khuda said the PM's vision for India's digital economy has helped create one of the world's most-compelling destinations for technology investment.

Foreign investors to get exemption from income tax

Applies to FPI interest, capital gains on G-Secs from April 1

NEW DELHI, PTI

The government on Friday exempted foreign investors from income tax on interest earnings and capital gains from government securities as it looked to attract foreign capital to counteract pressure on the rupee.

The government promulgated an ordinance to amend the Income Tax Act to provide tax exemptions on interest income and capital gains arising from sale, exchange or transfer of government securities effective from April 1, according to a gazette notification dated June 5.

The exemption would be applicable with effect from April 1, that is the exemption would apply to any interest or capital gains arising to foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) on or after April 1 in respect of investments in G-Secs, the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

Foreign investors are subject to a long-term capital gains tax of 12.5% on listed shares and bonds held longer than 12 months. They pay a withholding tax of 20% on interest earned in government bonds.

The Ordinance signed by President Droupadi Murmu defines the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) as the international financial institution established in 1930 and headquartered in Basel, Switzerland. It also references existing statutory definitions of foreign institutional investors (FIIs) and government securities under Indian law.

The gazette notification said the Ordinance was necessary as Parliament was not in session and immediate action was required, invoking the President's ordinance-making powers under Article 123 of the Constitution.

In line with the government's commitment to strengthen India's position as a leading global investment destination and to deepen the capital market, the ministry has another set of measures aimed at enhancing the ease of investment for individual Persons Resident Outside India (PROIs) and FPIs, and to attract stable long-term foreign capital flows.

With the view to enhance participation by FPIs in G-sec, it said, the government has decided to expand the list of specified securities under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) to also include new issuances in government securities in tenors of 15-year, 30-year and 40-year as also Sovereign Green Bonds in the tenors of FAR-eligible securities.

India, US may execute interim trade pact by July: Goyal

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Piyush Goyal

India and the US may execute an interim trade deal next month, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said, even as Washington proposed fresh tariffs on imports from major trading partners including the South Asian nation.

"By the middle of next month or so, we should be in a position to execute a very vibrant first tranche," the minister told reporters in Visakhapatnam on Friday. He added that the deal would give India preferential access over its competitors.

A US trade delegation led by chief negotiator Brendan Lynch was in New Delhi from June 1-4 to advance negotiations and finalise details of an interim trade deal.

Goyal's remarks come hours after US President Donald Trump told reporters in the Oval Office that Washington and New Delhi will strike a long-awaited trade agreement after negotiators wrapped up talks this week.

The development comes even as the Office of US Trade Representative proposes to impose tariffs of at least 10% on imports from 60 trading partners following a Section 301 investigation into goods allegedly produced with forced labour. This is the Trump administration's biggest move to revive a protectionist trade agenda after reciprocal levies were struck down by the US Supreme Court.

For products from nations including China, India, Japan, South Korea, and Brazil, a 12.5% levy has been proposed. New Delhi said it is engaged with Washington on the Section 301 probes.

"We are fast moving towards closing all the open ends," Goyal said, adding that "an even higher level delegation" from the US is expected to come to India toward the end of this month.

The two countries agreed on the first tranche of a bilateral trade deal in February and were expected to finalise it in March. Under the proposed arrangement, Indian exports would have been subject to an 18% tariff, compared with the 50% rate announced last year. The process stalled after the US Supreme Court's decision.

New Delhi has been pushing for dropping the section 301 probes and resolving the issue bilaterally given that the two nations are already engaged in trade negotiations.

EFFICIENCY DRIVE

India launches high ethanol-blended fuel for flex-fuel vehicles

NEW DELHI, PTI

India on Friday launched E85 fuel, a high-ethanol blend designed for flex-fuel vehicles, at Rs 20 a litre discount to normal petrol.

The fuel will initially be available at select petrol pumps and can be used only in vehicles with flex-fuel engines.

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri unveiled the fuel at an Indian Oil retail outlet here on World Environment Day, with the rollout beginning at 48 public sector fuel stations nationwide.

He said the government plans to expand its availability to 500 outlets by December 2026 and to about 5,000 outlets by December 2027.

E85 contains 80-85% ethanol and 14-19% petrol, and can be used only in flex-fuel vehicles capable of operating on ethanol blends ranging from E20 to E100.

The expansion of E85 infrastructure is expected to help raise India's overall ethanol-blending level to nearly 26% by 2030-31, he said.

India has increased ethanol blending in petrol from 1.53% in 2014 to 20% currently, achieving its target five years ahead of schedule, the minister said.

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri launches E85 fuel in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

The programme has helped save more than Rs 1.84 lakh crore in foreign exchange and reduced crude imports by nearly 302 lakh metric tonnes, he added.

According to ministry estimates, flex-fuel vehicles running on E85 can reduce lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions by around 61%, compared with conventional petrol vehicles. Ethanol's higher-octane rating also enables improved engine performance and cleaner combustion with significantly lower particulate emissions.

Rupee ends 56 paise higher against $

MUMBAI, PTI: The rupee appreciated 56 paise to close at 95.18 against the US dollar on Friday, after the RBI announced measures to support foreign capital inflows and strengthen forex liquidity.

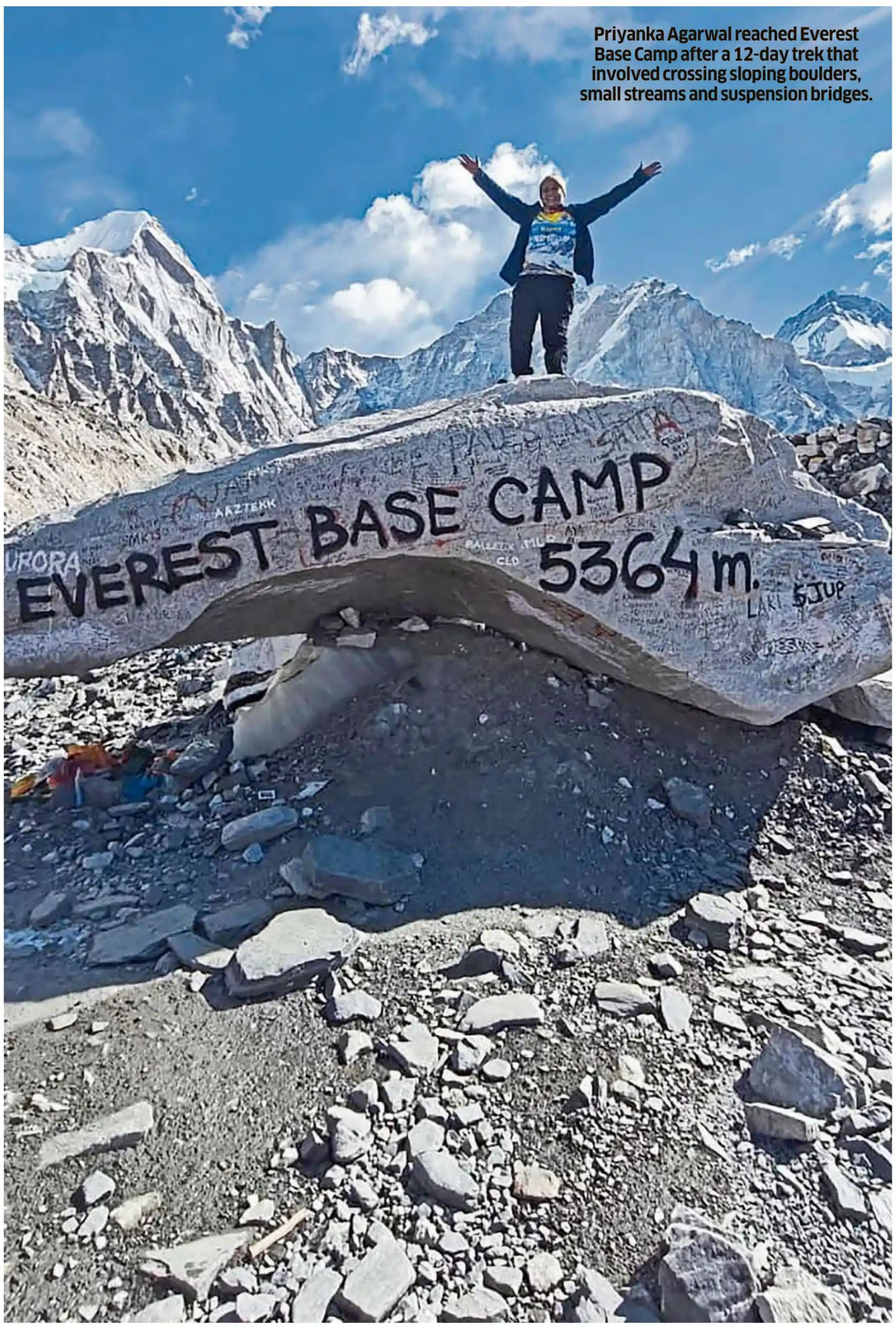
Forex traders said the announcements in the RBI policy boosted investor sentiment after the apex bank asserted that the country's forex reserves provide a sufficient buffer against external shocks.

The RBI on Friday expectedly kept interest rates unchanged for the second time in a row, as it weighed the impact of rising energy prices and supply disruptions caused by the West Asia crisis.

At the interbank forex, the rupee opened at 95.72, then touched an intraday high of 94.89 and finally ended the session at 95.18, registering a gain of 56 paise from previous close. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 99.22, lower by 0.19%.

I felt my way to Everest's doorstep

In April, **Priyanka Agarwal** became the first visually impaired woman from Karnataka to reach Everest Base Camp. She recounts the challenges and triumphs of a demanding 110-km expedition, navigated through touch, trust and resilience



Priyanka Agarwal reached Everest Base Camp after a 12-day trek that involved crossing sloping boulders, small streams and suspension bridges.

I was standing at Everest Base Camp, 5,364 metres above sea level, halfway to the highest peak on Earth. I took in a breath of icy air; the mighty peak loomed somewhere above me. I looked up and took in the clouds and warmth of the sun. Around me, members of my trekking group shouted excitedly after spotting the Everest peak from atop a giant boulder denoting the milestone. A Goa-based NGO had brought together six disabled and seven able-bodied trekkers, including my husband Dimpesh Bhatewara, to attempt the challenge.

The photographer travelling with us asked me how I was feeling. I was unable to decipher my emotions. I had become the second visually impaired woman from India, and the first from Karnataka, to reach this milestone. Retinitis pigmentosa, the condition affecting my eyes, has taken away nearly 90 per cent of my vision, so I mostly see a smudge of colours and lights now.

In Class 5, I learned that I would progressively lose my sight when a teacher asked my parents to get my eyes tested. The decline was gradual, beginning with colour blindness and then night blindness. In Class 10, during a Hindi exam, I struggled to read the question paper. The letters and numbers looked like squiggles, but with great difficulty, I deciphered them and wrote down my answers. Just as I walked away relieved, I was drawn into conversations my friends were having about the paper. They were discussing completely different questions!

I squinted, as I had done several times during the trek, and could see only the clouds and the sky. Whenever someone in the group exclaimed, "There's the peak!", I would strain to focus on the mountain, but it was always a blur. I often wished I could see what they were seeing. It was, after all, a rare experience.

I realised that my life had taught me to experience the world differently. Over the 12 days on the route, I touched and felt as much as I could, from the rough edges of boulders to the spiky leaves of pine trees.

The trek stretched across 110 kilometres. The terrain seemed to change every 100 metres. Some stretches had stairs carved into rock. A little further on, we were climbing sloping boulders, crossing small rivulets, or using suspension bridges. There were challenges right from the start. In Lukla, Nepal, where we began our ascent, we were met with rain and a hailstorm. The trail was muddy and slippery. The wind was bitterly cold, and wearing several layers of clothing made it difficult to move with ease. The paths were narrow, and the memory of us giving way to people and donkeys on dangerous bends still gives me chills.

Group dynamics

I met my group for the first time in Delhi, from where we travelled together to Kathmandu. We had been introduced over video calls in the months leading up to the trek, and we had also done a few yoga sessions virtually.

On the trek, I learned their personal stories. A near-fatal accident during a 2024 bike expedition in Ladakh had changed Sameer Deshmukh's life. He regained consciousness after 10 days and decided to pursue his lifelong dream of reaching Everest Base Camp. The Pune-based IT professional became a steady source of motivation through the treacherous climb. He would periodically say, "You are doing really well. We will go to base camp together, Priyanka!"

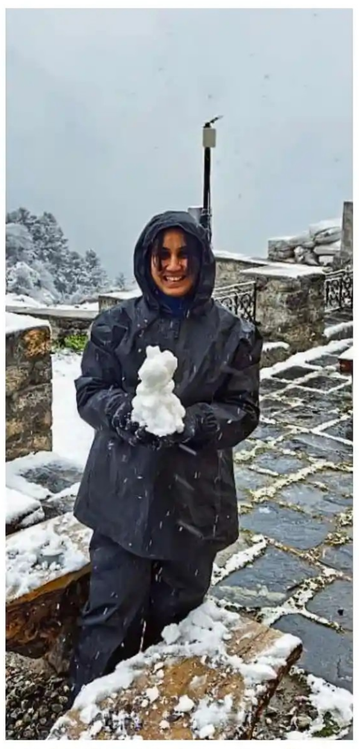
I was paired with a young guide who had never worked with a blind trekker. Initially, she struggled to describe the terrain and give clear directions for where I should step.

It wasn't my first experience with a guide. As an adult with agency over my time and money, I have often gravitated towards challenges. Once, while scuba diving and parasailing in Kovalam, Kerala, I had to work with a guide to establish a proper way of communicating underwater. Small fixes, like signalling by placing my palm against their hand, helped me understand their instructions.

Not just the trek guide, many members of our 14-person group also chimed in with instructions, which were contradictory and hard to follow. I spoke to a few of them about how this was affecting me, and together we learned to communicate better as a team.

I also learned to tap rocks carefully to judge whether they were stable enough to step on. When some shifted beneath my feet, panic would consume me, but over time, I developed a sense of which were safe. These negotiations with the terrain and the group took time, and on the first few days, we were short of exactly that.

Nights in the Himalayas are unbearably cold, and reaching rest houses before dusk is imperative. On the second day, my group encouraged me to take a pony ride to stay on schedule. After speaking with Dimpesh, I realised my responsibility to the group and agreed. However, balancing on the pony was difficult. Vishal, another able-bodied member of the expedition, piped up with some tips. And when I ran out of water, he shared his, even though he had only a few sips left.



Priyanka experienced her first-ever snowfall at Namche Bazaar, at an altitude of 3,440 metres.

Habits for life

In school and college, the trials my growing disability threw at me seemed insurmountable.

My Bachelor of Commerce course included accountancy. While I found workarounds for other subjects, small numbers and decimals made it hard to perform well in accountancy. I focused instead on subjects I could excel in and scored well. I also developed the habit of memorising what was taught in class, because I could not rely on visual reading. I took notes in extremely large lettering.

I spoke with my teachers and explained that my writing would slant because I could not clearly see the lines on the paper. Gradually, a support system formed around me. Classmates and teachers would sometimes read questions aloud to me, section by section, while I wrote the answers myself.

The habits I developed in college would shape much of my adult life. I became outgoing and eager to learn about the lives of people around me. I also wanted to experience nature in different contexts — on mountains and at sea. That curiosity led me to Everest.

First snowfall

At 3,440 metres, on Day 3 of the Everest trek, most trekkers stop at Namche Bazaar for a day to acclimatise. It was here that I experienced snowfall for the first time, fulfilling a long-held wish.

The day it snowed also happened to be Dimpesh's birthday. The sky was bright and sunny in the morning, but by afternoon it had changed completely. Thick clouds rolled in, and suddenly it began snowing. I had only seen snowfall in films, but the moment I realised it was happening for real, I became ridiculously excited. I ran back to the room, quickly put on my coat, gloves, and cap, and pulled Dimpesh outside with me.

I remember walking carefully through the snow, laughing like a child. I scooped snow into my hands, made snowballs, and tried building a small snowman. Dimpesh kept taking photos and videos while I went around touching everything, trying to fully absorb the experience. I could feel the snow landing on me and hear it crunching beneath my boots. For all the physical exhaustion and fear the mountains brought, Namche Bazaar gave me pure joy.

Relentless curiosity

On Day 5, we met an energetic group from Kerala at a tea shop. I had spent much of my childhood in Ernakulam district and could speak, read, and write Malayalam, so we connected instantly. They were surprised to learn that I was attempting the trek. To this audience, I recounted how I found my first job in Kerala as a telemarketing agent. It was this job that taught me how essential financial independence is to living life on one's own terms. But after my family moved from Kerala to Kolkata, I went five years without a job. I was always honest about my condition, but when people learned of it, their attitude would suddenly turn cold. It made me think about how finding a job remains a gruelling task for millions of Indians with disabilities.

The Kerala group was amazed by my experiences, and I liked their enthusiasm. I later ran into one of them in Lukla and took down their contact details. We met again at a Kathmandu market, shopped together, clicked pictures, and are still in touch.

Many of my friendships have begun with curiosity. A turning point in my life also came this way. In 2009, I had travelled to Nepal for my cousin's wedding. There, my cousin's fiancée casually mentioned a blind woman she knew who could use a computer independently. Intrigued, I immediately wanted to meet her. After the wedding, I met Surbhi Lohia and was stunned to discover that she was using Word, Excel, and email with the help of assistive technology. That meeting opened up an entirely new world for me.

A year later, I joined a computer training programme at the National Association for the Blind in Kolkata. For the first time, I found a community of visually impaired people who were engineers, graduates, researchers, and skilled technology users. Learning that they confidently use laptops and smartphones with screen readers gave me hope. I quickly learned to use screen-reading software and caught up despite joining the course late. The confidence I gained there gave me the courage to move to Bengaluru on my own. I continued building my skills through organisations like Enable India, and, after years of uncertainty and rejection, I secured a job at IBM in 2012.

At IBM, I bloomed. I became involved with the Employee Resource Group that worked with people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ individuals. I curated the India Inclusion Summit in 2025. It's where I came to know of the NGO I would later travel with and the inclusive treks it organises. I became obsessed with the idea of attempting a trek and started making enquiries. I called friends and relatives. Many offered words of caution, but I could not let go of the thought.

Stairs and songs

Two to three months before the expedition, Dimpesh and I began preparing rigorously. We live in a 14-floor apartment building in Bengaluru. We started climbing stairs every day — first one round, then two, and eventually three. That meant climbing 42 floors daily. We took breaks when needed but remained disciplined. For three months, there was no cheating on our diet, no skipping workouts, and no excuses. We would push each other to stay on track, whenever we felt lazy. Slowly, Everest became our shared goal.

We also watched YouTube videos about the Everest Base Camp trail. 'The route is difficult, but it is possible' was a common refrain. That stayed with me. There were moments of fear and panic before the trek and even after we had begun. The expedition required me to draw on lessons I had learned throughout my life: the willingness to adapt and keep moving, even when the path ahead was unclear.

For a long time, my neighbours and relatives spoke about my life in terms of limitations — whether I would ever marry, remain dependent on my family, or build a stable life. Others doubted whether I could buy a house with my own earnings. Over the years, each of these pieces fell into place. In many ways, the Everest challenge felt like a part of that journey, affirming that my future lay beyond what others believed was possible.

On April 14, we reached our destination. Sameer had said that he did not want to get emotional when he reached base camp. Instead, he wanted to do 15 push-ups on the boulders. That day, Sameer and I climbed onto the highest rock in sight and did those 15 push-ups.

I celebrated briefly with my group and posed for a few pictures, but my mind was racing the whole time. I slipped away and sat in silence for a while. A song from the movie 'Veer-Zaara' drifted into my mind: 'Jaanam dekh lo mit gayi dooriyan, main yahaan hoon, yahaan hoon, yahaan hoon, yahaan.' (Beloved, the boundaries have vanished, I am right here). I sang it quietly to myself.

Many trekkers who pass through the Himalayas carry home not only memories of the arduous climb and unforgettable sights, but also 'Resham firiri', a Nepali folk song that's often sung along the route. The ballad is dedicated to a lover in the hills and reflects what life is like in the mountains.

'Resham firiri, Resham firiri, Oodera jaun ki, Danda ma bhanjyang, Resham firiri' (Fluttering silk, shall we fly or sit at the hilltop?). This time, when I sang, my voice was louder, strengthened with resolve, and many in the group joined in.

(As told to VARSHA GOWDA)

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SATURDAY MAILBOX

Responses are pouring in for 'The Saturday Story'. The selection has been edited for brevity and clarity.

THE SATURDAY STORY

Voices unbound

Folk songs that travel beyond the threshold

Women folk artistes remain marginalised, often within their own homes. A hip-hop artiste travelled across India to document 23 such voices. Amulya B recounts their journeys

In 'Folk songs that travel beyond the threshold', a writer details how a Mumbai-based rapper documented the life of women folk artistes from rural India. (May 2)

'Busting misconceptions'

The article has put paid to the misconception that Indian music flourishes only in towns and cities and is almost non-existent in rural and tribal hamlets. The in-depth study of the careers of folk artistes and how they are transcending their limitations and are taking their art across the contours of the country has provided a fascinating picture of their talent and outreach.
– *C V Aravind*

A writer examines the life of sex workers living in Delhi's biggest red light district in 'When the sun sets on G B Road'. (May 16)

THE SATURDAY STORY 15

When the sun sets on G B Road

'Unknown worlds'

The article disturbed my mind. None of this information can be obtained from AI or Google. I would like to thank the *Deccan Herald* team for publishing the article. This article is proof that there are other worlds outside the scope of online portals. I would like to read stories about the tribal communities of India and the people living on the margins on this page.
— *Arun Joladkudligi*

A journalist visits Bengaluru's few remaining makers of Karnatik music instruments in 'The last of the instrument makers'. (May 23)

'Well-researched'

The story was well-narrated and well-researched. Publishing such articles may boost the confidence of artistes.
— *Valke R K*

'Worrying trend'

The article made for good reading.

THE SATURDAY STORY 15

The last of the instrument makers

But the headline 'The last .....' is worrying. Modern instruments cannot compensate for the rich tonal quality of the traditional instruments. Indian instruments are associated with divine powers — flute with Krishna, veena with Saraswati, and percussion instruments with Nandi. It is high time that the younger generation evince interest in this divine profession and carry on their legacy.
— *S Shashidhar*

In 'After life comes taxidermy', a journalist details the life and work of a sought-after Mumbai-based taxidermist. (May 30)

'A rare art'

It is nice of *Deccan Herald* to have taken interest in this rare art/science and to have published a comprehensive article on the subject. As I was reading, many questions cropped up in my mind. However, the author seemed to have anticipated all of them and they were all answered in the article.
— *Bhamy V Shenoy*

Andy the adventurous ant

Join Andy on a thrilling balloon-borne journey in this fun-filled story by Ashrafi Antia

Andy the ant sighed as he watched a butterfly fly overhead, flitting from flower to flower on a whim. How he wished he had wings too. It seemed like such fun to be able to soar above the earth in the skies. But he knew one needed wings to fly, and he had none. He wondered why. Birds had wings. Other insects like bees, mosquitoes, and dragonflies could also fly. He'd heard there were flying ants too, but alas he was not one of them. Why, even humans had learnt to fly in their giant machines with wings, but sadly, without wings, he was destined to be grounded for life.

Suddenly, he had an idea when he spied a bulbul perched on a tree, chirping away. "Well, if I can't fly, at least I can climb the tree and look down and see what it feels like to be high above the ground," Andy proclaimed. So he crawled up the tree trunk and then along one of its highest branches and looked down from its dizzying height. He clung on tight. Everything looked quite tiny from his bird's-eye view, way up there.

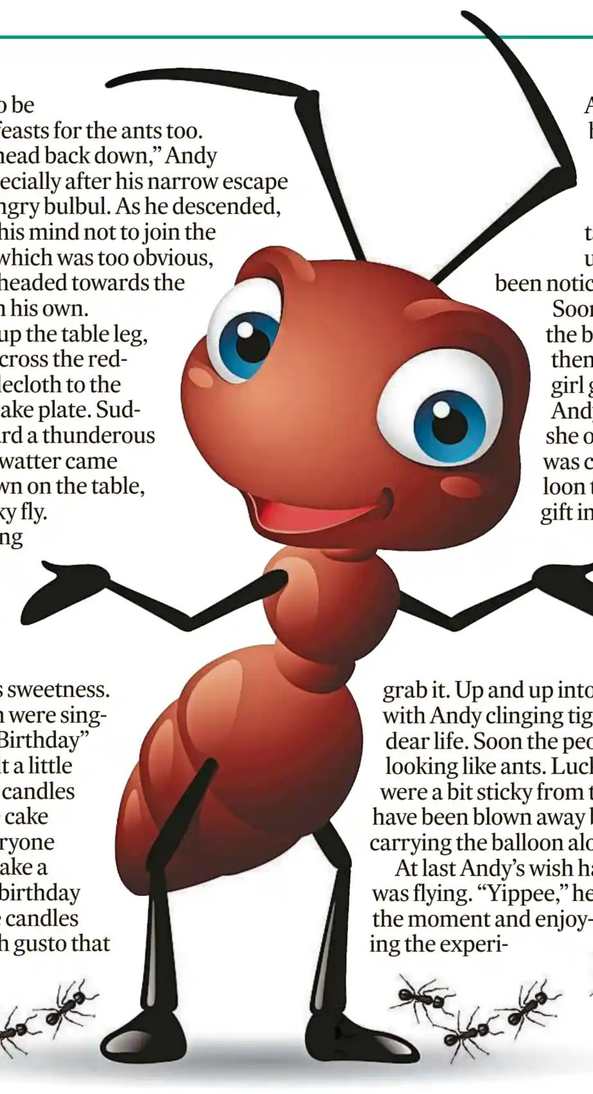
The bulbul spotted him and flew towards him. Luckily Andy noticed her making a beeline for him and scurried under some leaves for cover. He lay there, staying perfectly still. The bulbul bristled in anger, baffled by his sudden disappearance. She hopped about searching for him in vain, till she gave it up as a lost cause and flew away.

Andy could hear squeals and peals of laughter as he emerged from his hiding place. Looking down, he saw that a children's party was being held in the garden below. He spied his fellow soldier ants marching in a line towards the table where the food was being laid out. Garden parties turned out to be sumptuous feasts for the ants too.

"Time to head back down," Andy decided, especially after his narrow escape from the hungry bulbul. As he descended, he made up his mind not to join the line of ants, which was too obvious, and instead headed towards the cake table on his own.

Crawling up the table leg, he hurried across the red-checked tablecloth to the edge of the cake plate. Suddenly he heard a thunderous clap as a flyswatter came crashing down on the table, killing a pesky fly.

Not wanting to suffer the same fate, Andy stuck to the side of the cake, savouring its sweetness. The children were singing "Happy Birthday" and Andy felt a little warm as the candles on top of the cake were lit. Everyone shouted, "Make a wish" as the birthday boy blew the candles out with such gusto that Andy found himself blown away too.



He landed on the string of some balloons tied to the table and scampered up, hoping he hadn't been noticed.

Soon the adults untied the balloons and gave them to the kids. A little girl got the pink one Andy was on. Suddenly, she opened her fist that was clutching the balloon to take her return gift in both hands. The balloon slipped from her grip and soared upwards into the air before anyone could grab it. Up and up into the sky it went, with Andy clinging tightly to its string for dear life. Soon the people below started looking like ants. Luckily, Andy's legs were a bit sticky from the cake or else he'd have been blown away by the gusty breeze carrying the balloon aloft.

At last Andy's wish had come true. He was flying. "Yippee," he cried, revelling in the moment and enjoying the experience although it was a bit scary seeing the world getting smaller and smaller and then disappearing from sight.

Andy wondered how far the balloon would take him. A flock of geese honked as they flew by in a V-formation, as if to say, "Don't get in our way." The last thing Andy needed was to bump into a grouchy goose and burst his balloon. Thankfully they avoided collision.

After what seemed like ages, the balloon started to descend. It appeared to be losing air. Downwards they went. Soon, Andy spied treetops and rooftops. He heaved a sigh of relief.

Unfortunately, the balloon drifted too close to the trees and a sharp protruding twig punctured it. The balloon burst with a loud bang. Andy was jerked off the string with the impact. Thrown off balance, he found himself hurtling downwards. After several somersaults in the air like an acrobat, he landed safely on a leaf. Andy thanked his lucky stars. He decided he'd had enough adventure and close shaves for the day and scurried down the tree, happy to be on terra firma once again.

It was a long trek home and the colony of ants was happy to see him return safely to their anthill. What a tale he had to tell of his flying escapade. From then on, Andy was happy to have all his six feet planted firmly on the ground where he belonged.

4 MOVIES about the environment

World Environment Day was observed on June 5

WALL-E (2008)

By the year 2805, Earth has become so polluted and buried under mountains of rubbish that humans have abandoned it. WALL-E, the last waste-compacting robot, spends centuries carrying out his cleanup duties. When he discovers a living plant, he unknowingly holds the key to restoring life on Earth. The film, directed by Andrew Stanton, explores what happens when convenience, consumerism and waste are allowed to spiral out of control.

Princess Mononoke (1997)

Directed by Hayao Miyazaki, in this film Prince Ashitaka travels to a forest where animal gods are fighting humans who are cutting down trees and mining iron. Unlike most children's films, nobody is entirely right or wrong here. The villagers need resources to survive, while the forest spirits fight to protect their home. Ashitaka tries to find a path between progress and preservation. Themes such as deforestation, industrialisation, and conservation are explored in this movie.

My Neighbor Totoro (1988)

In this movie, directed by Hayao Miyazaki, two sisters move to the countryside and encounter magical forest spirits. However, there is no villain and no environmental disaster one must handle. Instead, the film gently teaches children to notice trees, fields, insects and wildlife, and to appreciate the natural world around them. Subjects like biodiversity, nature appreciation, and environmental stewardship are highlighted here.

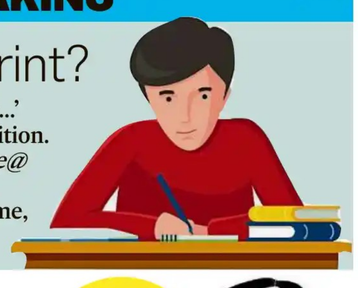
Pom Poko (1994)

In this film, directed by Isao Takahata, a community of shape-shifting raccoon dogs (tanuki) discovers that their forest habitat is being destroyed to make way for a new city. They launch increasingly desperate efforts to stop urban expansion and save their home. The film explores themes likes urbanisation, habitat loss, and wildlife conservation.

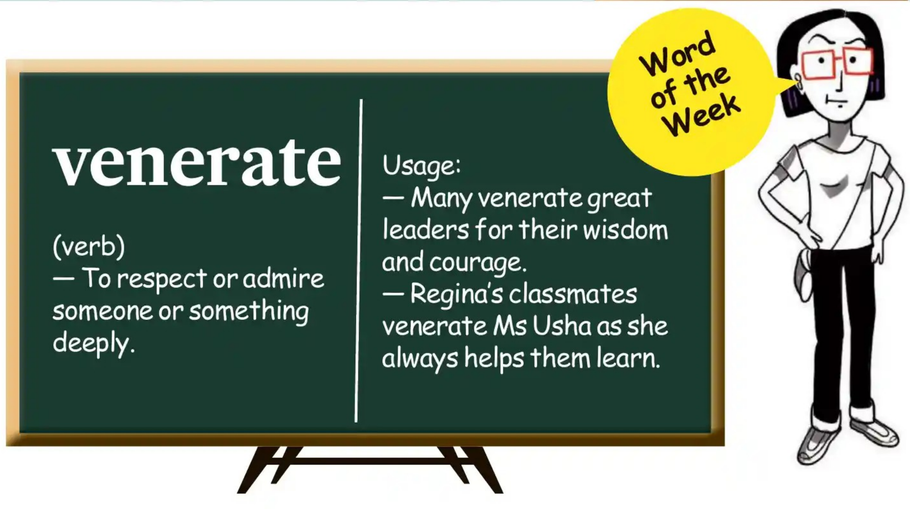
An error appeared in the fifth question of the quiz in the May 30 edition of *Open Sesame*. We apologise for the error and regret the inconvenience caused.

POETS IN THE MAKING

Want to see your poetry in print?



Send in poems on the topic 'If everyday objects could talk...' to *Open Sesame*. You may be featured in an upcoming edition. Mail your work—not more than 12 lines—to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in* Entries close on June 25. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city. And send us a recent photograph.


Word of the Week
venerate
(verb)
— To respect or admire someone or something deeply.
Usage:
— Many venerate great leaders for their wisdom and courage.
— Regina's classmates venerate Ms Usha as she always helps them learn.

Slices from a joyful June...

Open Sesame readers share their art

On May 23, *Open Sesame* asked its young readers to send in their artworks. Soon, we were flooded with entries from across the country. Many paintings were good, but we can only publish a few because of space constraints. Don't let that discourage you. Get creative and keep writing and painting, and stand a chance to be featured in an upcoming edition! Send your entries to: *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in*

MAHATHI P, 14
Bengaluru, Karnataka

AYUSH MENKUDLE, 15
Bengaluru, Karnataka

ANISH KUSNUR, 11
Bengaluru, Karnataka

AKSHADHA NATHAN, 12
Bengaluru, Karnataka

TANUSHREE V M, 12
Koppal, Karnataka

This Week:

Midday month

Open Sesame Quiz

Take the fun Open Sesame quiz, and stand a chance to win gift vouchers worth Rs 500. Open to children below 16 years.

Q1 Born on June 14, 1811, Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote the influential anti-slavery novel, 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'. Who greeted her as "the little woman" whose book had started the American Civil War?

Q2 What treaty, signed on June 28, 1919, was the primary peace settlement that officially ended a conflict, which had raged for four years and claimed millions of lives?

Q3 Djibouti, in the Horn of Africa (Somali Peninsula), officially gained its independence on June 27, 1977. Which country had earlier exercised colonial control over the territory since 1888?

Scan the QR code
Or visit bit.ly/DHopensesame to participate in the quiz.

Q4 **Rhyme Time:** Two clues to which the answers rhyme with each other.
Clue A: June 21, 2026, International Yoga Day theme: 'Yoga for healthy ___'.
Clue B: Keeping birds in a wire enclosure.

Q5 **Clue Cluster:** Which decisive battle, in Indian history, was fought on June 23, 1757?
Use these clues.
a) Clive
b) Bengal
c) Mir Jafar
d) French

WINNER'S NAMES: Dhwani Mulikeri (14), Hassan; Hamdan (10), Bengaluru; Shraddha K (15), Tumakuru.
ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ: A1) Pratapsingh Raoji Rane, A2) Golden Gate, A3) USA, A4) Health/Wealth, A5) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

LET'S DEBATE!

Want to take part in the upcoming *Open Sesame* debate? Share your thoughts in a crisp 200-word essay on the topic 'Is time travel a good idea?' Mail your works to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in* Entries close on June 11. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, school, and city. And send us a recent photograph.

LETTER WRITING

Write an open letter to Donald Trump

If you could have a conversation with US president Donald Trump, what would you like to know about him, and what would you tell him about yourself? Write an open letter and share it with us. You stand a chance of being featured in an upcoming edition. Mail your work to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in* Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city. And send us a recent photograph. Entries close on June 18.

THE WOMAN who never left

More than a movie star, Marilyn Monroe became an idea, endlessly reproduced and debated, her face familiar even to those who have never seen her films. What is it about her that keeps the world still enthralled, wonders
Rashmi Vasudeva

CENTENARY

Gentlemen (or for that matter, rakes) may no longer prefer blondes, but a certain platinum blonde continues to hold sway. And to think she was not even a natural blonde. When Norma Jeane Mortenson began her career as a model, she was advised to bleach and straighten her curly hair. Eventually, stylists coloured it 'platinum blonde', which came to define 'Marilyn Monroe' as she was known by that time.

As the world celebrates Marilyn's centenary (she was born on June 1, 1926), it is more than obvious today that her name continues to generate wealth, fascination and conversation on a scale few entertainers have ever achieved. Her performances, in movies such as 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' (1953), in which she declared that diamonds are a girl's best friend, and 'The Seven Year Itch' (1955), which had the unforgettable white dress billowing around her, continue to be aped, remixed and downright copied. Astonishingly, she remains one of the world's most profitable celebrities. Her face sells T-shirts in Hanoi, posters in Bengaluru and luxe campaigns in Milan. Thousands who have never watched a single movie of hers still recognise her as an actor, and gape at this enigmatic beauty with shiny silver hair. What's the secret of her 'rizz' as a Gen Z'er might ask.

The clue perhaps lies in the poetry that Marilyn symbolised; she was the quintessential tragic beauty who died mysteriously. The prosaic reality is that she is intellectual property of the kind that most can only dream of. The Monroe estate has generated hundreds of millions of dollars through merchandise, image rights and licensing deals. Cosmetic companies, artists (recall Andy Warhol's iconic pop art), and fashion houses have all borrowed her image to sell their products or simply elevate their brand value. But Marilyn cannot be reduced to just another uber-successful brand. Her aura transcended her work — remarkable considering her career lasted only around a decade. While actors' brand value depends mostly on viewers remembering their films, Marilyn's image broke free of any such constraints. She is the ghost who never left. An unfinished portrait. A universal symbol of desire, fame and ardour.

And oh, she knew it.

Much before the era of Instagram reels and carefully curated public selves, Marilyn understood the power of performative behaviour. A widely cited anecdote is about the actress walking with novelist and screenwriter Truman Capote in New York, when she suddenly asked him if he wanted to "see me become her". And then she reportedly altered her posture and demeanour and instantly began attracting attention from passers-by who had previously ignored her. Everything about her, it seems, was crafted — her seductive voice, her flirtatious yet vulnerable mannerisms, and her famous walk. Indeed, today's celebrity-fawning culture owes much to her. While Truman's anecdote is one of those stories that has accumulated a fair amount of mythology over the years, it still illustrates how consciously Marilyn constructed her public persona, a striking contrast to a chaotic childhood spent in foster homes and orphanages and a mother who was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and thus was unable to take care of her.

Despite the intense scrutiny she subjected herself to, she possessed an ethereal quality, a strange vulnerability that even she could not perhaps fully grasp. There was in her eyes a flicker — was that foreboding? Or an uneasy acceptance of the artifice she herself helped create?

Today, what Marilyn represents is much debated, however. She is a word with several layers of meaning, depending on the context. For some, she remains the unattainable diva of Hollywood; for others, she represents all that was wrong in an industry that blatantly indulged in the exploitation of women. Feminist scholars and film historians continue to wrestle with her legacy precisely because there is no single interpretation.

Marilyn died in 1962 when she was just 36, and although it was declared to be a probable suicide by a barbiturate overdose, her death, just like her life, continues to have an afterlife of its own. We never saw her fade away, and we will never know what else she might have accomplished. How would she have handled social media fame? What would she have made of current actors? Would she have tried Botox? Unheard melodies are sweeter, and mournful tales are more compelling. And Marilyn Monroe's story has both — melody and melancholy — and so it endures.

Marilyn Monroe

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MOVIE R|E|V|I|E|W|S

Bobby Deol shines in dark psycho-drama gut punch

RITWIK KAIKINI

Anurag Kashyap's latest gritty psycho-drama film 'Bandar' explores how a false rape allegation case snowballs and sends a struggling Mumbai TV star — Samar Mehra (played by Bobby Deol) to jail, where he navigates the depths of his emotional turmoil through dark reveries. Samar goes through phases of excruciating pain, intense numbness, existential anxiety and animalistic vulnerability in a helpless world where neither the jail inmates nor the cops seem to show him some kindness. Bobby Deol delivers his career-best performance, carrying shades of Riz Ahmed's character as a wrongly accused in the critically acclaimed TV Series 'The Night Of' (2016).

The film follows an editing grammar similar to Kashyap's 'Ugly' (2013), moving between the present and the past, fast-paced and focused on the main character's arc. Screenwriters Sudip Sharma and Abhishek Bannerjee manage to include socially relevant themes of repressed male sexuality and the dark world of dating apps through the excellently written dialogues in the police interrogation scenes with Inspector Deore (Jitendra Joshi). The dark satire with a comical interjection of ridicule and dramatic dialect is a trademark motif in Kashyap's thriller films. The apt background score along with the lush sound design adds a necessary pulse to the dark narrative.

As Samar slowly imbibes the grim sea of cynical jail inmate laughter and the suffocating filth of the jail, the dance number 'Pinjara' featuring lizard-tail smoking junkies (Raj B Shetty and Natesh Hegde) brings a welcome relief with lyrical undertones and brevity. The film immerses us into one of the most hyper-realistic and raw representations of the interiors of Indian jails where the stench makes us want to wretch and each inmate's behaviour tingles the spine.

Bobby Deol plays a fading television star.

★★★★½

Bandar
Hindi (Theatres)
Director: Anurag Kashyap
Cast: Bobby Deol, Sanya Malhotra, Saba Azad

Good plot turns into vanity project

SAMVARTHA SAHIL

Debutant director Viveka's 'Mango Pachcha', like its protagonist, starts with great aspiration and promise, and like its protagonist, loses its way long before achieving what it aspires to.

The film, which is the launch pad for Sanchith Sanjeev, had all the ingredients required for a grand and spectacular debut. Yet, it falls drastically short in creating an impression.

Written by Viveka and Nagabhushan Deshpande, 'Mango Pachcha' tells the story of protagonist Prashanth, aka Pachha, who comes from a lower-middle-class background. He carries personal wounds, is ambitious and craves respect. An unexpected turn of events opens up an opportunity for Pachha to rise in life, but it is through illegal means. That marks the beginning of an unavoidable tragedy.

The film's first act, where the world of the character is established, is done in a near-perfect manner, raising hopes about what the film is going to deliver.

Pachcha's story is rooted in his times. The aspiration of a generation growing up in middle-class families in a post-liberalisation India, its naïve belief that status brings respect, the dirty nexus between business and politics, state power and crime, the implication of geo-political relations on the lives of individuals — all get established very well in the film. However, once the world is established, the film loses its grip and charm significantly, because of the shift in the focus from Pachcha's needs and wants to an unconvincing tale of rivalry. As the film moves to this stage, the emotional connect with the characters begins to weaken.

Still, one has to acknowledge that 'Mango Pachcha' doesn't feel dull. What engages the audience is the firm hold of the director on the craft of cinema. But still, the cinematic experience slips from between the fingers. The film possibly would have been a great experience if telling the tale of Mango Pachcha had driven the film rather than launching Sanchith, Kichcha Sudeep's nephew.

Sanchith Sanjeev makes his debut in the film.

★★½☆☆

Mango Pachcha
Kannada (Theatres)
Director: Viveka
Cast: Sanchith Sanjeev, Kaajal Kunder, Prashanth Hiremath, Mayur Patel

More than just a watch story

RASHMI VASUDEVA

When the Titan advertisement, with its jingle heavily inspired by Mozart's Symphony No 25 in G Minor, played on Doordarshan, I would unfailingly pretend to be a conductor. Once, my ajji caught me in the act and promised me a Titan watch if I aced my Class 10 exams.

Made in India: A Titan Story thrives on such nostalgia, both collective and personal. You approach it with some trepidation. Is this going to be another self-congratulatory tale in which the rest of the world plays villain while Indians emerge as righteous victims? Thankfully, it is not. Although the Swiss watchmakers are portrayed as somewhat smug and supercilious (which, to an extent, they probably were), the series largely avoids caricature.

Instead, it focuses on self-reliance, entrepreneurship and the sepia-tinted geniality of corporate India before liberalisation. Despite its obvious adoration of all things Tata, including its head JRD Tata (an excellent, if slightly on-the-nose, turn by Naseeruddin Shah), there is a genuine feel-good quality to the storytelling. You cannot help but root for Xerxes Desai, played elegantly by Jim Sarbh, whose dream is to create an Indian watch that can rival the world's best. One of the running gags is the many ways in which his name is mispronounced; at one point, he is even addressed as "Xerox ji".

The pacing slackens in places, and all that goodness can feel wearying. Yet, you remember that jingle, the excitement it generated in a hopeful nation, and the Titan steel watch your ajji gifted you, which you wore for 13 years. Suddenly, such an admiring paean no longer feels out of place.

Naseeruddin Shah and Jim Sarbh in the series.

★★★½☆

Made in India: A Titan Story
Hindi (Amazon Prime Video)
Director: Robbie Grewal
Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Jim Sarbh, Namita Dubey

OBSESSING OVER 'OBSESSION'

When FOMO becomes the biggest star in cinema

The success of the American horror film feels driven by social media hype rather than merit, writes
Taher Ahmed

There was a time when people went to theatres because of movie stars. Today, they go because social media made them feel late to the conversation. Enter 'Obsession'.

Directed by Curry Barker, the low-budget horror film, made for under 1 million USD, has become one of the surprise success stories of the year. Having grossed over 100 million USD globally, it has generated enough online discussion to make one wonder whether it is a film or a social media movement.

The movie vs the hype

The obvious assumption is that audiences have discovered a masterpiece. Having watched the film, I am not entirely convinced.

That's not to say 'Obsession' is bad. The performances are solid, the atmosphere works, and there is enough creativity to separate it from the conveyor belt of sequels, reboots and remakes currently occupying cinema screens. The newcomers involved deserve credit for punching above their weight.

But is it the genre-defining phenomenon the Internet would have us believe? Probably not. Let's be honest, it's a decent movie. The Internet, however, appears to have watched a different version. This brings us to a more interesting question. What exactly are audiences buying tickets for? The movie? Or the conversation surrounding the movie?

Because 'Obsession' feels like one of the clearest examples yet of a modern entertainment phenomenon: people no longer just consume content, they consume cultural moments.

The horror film was made on a budget of USD 750,000.

FOMO (fear of missing out) has quietly become one of the most powerful marketing tools ever invented. One social media post becomes ten, ten becomes a hundred, and suddenly your feeds are flooded with reactions, theories and rankings.

Eventually, watching the movie starts feeling less like entertainment and more like homework.

Nobody wants to be the only person sitting silently while everyone else debates the latest phenomenon. So tickets get booked, discussions begin and the cycle feeds itself.

When different beats bigger

The irony is that 'Obsession' has achieved something many studios spend hundreds of millions trying to manufacture: attention.

For years, Hollywood's answer to every problem has been to spend more money. Bigger stars. Bigger effects. Bigger marketing campaigns. Yet audiences increasingly complain that many films feel like variations of the same idea. Different actors. Different costumes. Different explosions. Same recipe.

'Obsession' offers none of the usual blockbuster comforts. No franchise. No multiverse. Just a standalone film asking audiences to take a chance on something unfamiliar. Judging by the response, that gamble appears to have paid off. The success of 'Obsession' is not necessarily a rejection of blockbuster cinema. It is a rejection of predictability.

Rise of creator economy

The creator behind the film is equally important to the story. Before becoming a filmmaker, Curry built an audience online. For many viewers, watching 'Obsession' was not simply about seeing a movie. It was about supporting a creator they had already invested in. That reflects a broader shift in consumer behaviour. Trust is increasingly moving away from institutions and towards individuals, with audiences becoming the new gatekeepers.

The audience driving much of this momentum also appears to be younger. Unlike previous generations that grew up following movie stars, Gen Z has grown up following creators. They are more likely to discover entertainment through algorithms than advertisements, and more likely to trust a recommendation from a creator than a studio campaign.

In that context, 'Obsession' feels less like an outlier and more like a sign of where entertainment is headed.

More than a movie

Whether 'Obsession' deserves every bit of praise it receives is open to debate. What is harder to dispute is what its success represents.

A low-budget horror film made by relatively unknown talent has managed to command attention in an era dominated by billion-dollar franchises. Not because it had the biggest stars or the largest marketing budget, but because it captured something far more valuable: relevance.

And perhaps that is the biggest takeaway from 'Obsession'. Audiences are no longer waiting for studios to decide what becomes a hit. They are making that decision themselves.

For an industry built on controlling attention, that may be the most unsettling plot twist of all.

Delight in dilemma

PRANATI A S

SONG STORIES

Hindi cinema has many 'Tere Mere' songs — 'Tere mere sapne', 'Tere mere milan', 'Tere mere beech', the list is endless. However, a recent song I discovered from the film 'Goldfish', perhaps beats all the other 'Tere meres'!

Papon sings in his timbre voice, 'Tere mere ishq ka qissa abhi bana nahi' (The story of our love hasn't been written yet). Composed by Tapas Relia, the song is titled 'Taiy nahi kiya abhi' which translates to 'I haven't decided yet' — about whether I am a passionate Heer or a detached fakir, Krishna's devotee Meera or the poet Mir, whether I bring salvation or doom, or even if I exist or not.

The song is intimate, romantic and carries the melancholy of longing that reflects the protagonist Sadhana's state of deep, pensive restlessness. Kauser Munir's lyrics capture the unresolved emotions between the mother and daughter, torn between wanting to embrace and being hesitant about it, their desperate need to unite, and their wrestling with feelings of insecurity, a result of past wounds that haven't healed. The song also ensnares the audience's uneasiness — caught between a story one would want to relate to and a reluctance that comes with being conditioned to society's expectations. Taiy nahi kiya abhi...

While the album is steeped in evocative Hindustani classical, 'Taiy nahi kiya abhi' has ghazal undertones. Relia's music quietly plays in the background, while acknowledging the gravity of silence. The notes and the hush form a deep, intimate bond, just like Sadhana and Miku do at the end of the film.

Song Stories is a monthly column that takes up an iconic number and explores why it still lives rent-free in our heads.

Predictable but enjoyable noir

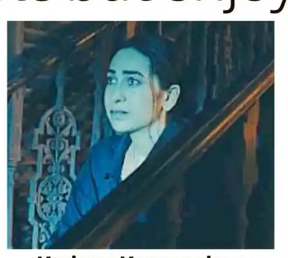
PRANATI A S

Karisma Kapoor makes a comeback playing an intelligent police investigator, Rita Brown, who is put on a high-profile murder case — a businessman's daughter is found with her head severed. Rita, who is herself grappling with loss and grief, finds herself in the middle of an investigation tainted by senior officials who want to close the case hurriedly.

It is revealed that the murder weapon was a huge sacrificial machete to make the premise look as gory as possible. An interesting crime, but very little has been invested in the police procedural. The investigation gets so predictable that sometimes you feel you can be better at the job than the police officers. When the culprit is finally caught, it's not all that surprising.

An adaptation of Abheek Barua's 'City of Death', Abhinay Deo explores Kolkata's underbelly, creating a dark yet comforting atmosphere reminiscent of bleak, morally complex Scandinavian noirs. The bylanes of the city reveal a lot about the 'city of joy'. Shaan singing 'Tumi robe ni robe' is one of the best aspects of the series before it turns into an eerie echo.

The Indo-Chinese community of Kolkata, the hole-in-the-walls of Chinatown that serve the best breakfast, the leather tanneries, and the lives in that part of the city add grim aesthetics. This acts as a fine contrast to the Anglo-Indian culture the series explores — their parties, grand dinners and homemade ginger wine (which is, by the way, an 'acquired taste'), a recipe which has been passed down generations. The banter between Rita, her mom (a wonderful Soni Razdan), aunt (a mischievous Helen) and her bond with her niece also adds charm to the series.



Karisma Kapoor plays a police investigator.

★★½☆☆

Brown
Hindi, Bengali (Zee5)
Director: Abhinay Deo
Cast: Karisma Kapoor, Surya Sharma, Soni Razdan, Helen, Jisshu Sengupta

IN BRIEF

Hindustan FC hold Falcon HC

▸ In an intensely contested encounter, Lakshman's 49th-minute equaliser helped Hindustan Friends Club hold Falcon Hockey Club 4-4 in the KSHA Super Division Hockey League Championship on Friday, reports DHNS.

Results: Falcon HC: 4 (Nitin 22nd, Vivek Ramakrishna 28th, Suresh 31st, 42nd) drew with Hindustan Friends Club: 4 (Anand 6th, 15th, 35th, Lakshman 49th); Bengaluru Blues HC: 4 (Muddhappa 1st, Senthil 13th, Vinish 33rd, Bopanna 48th) bt Coorg Blues HC: 1 (Salesh 22nd).

State-ranking TT from June 18

▸ Mysore District Table Tennis Association will conduct the LIC Cup Karnataka State-ranking TT tournament from June 18-21 at the Mysore University Gymnasium Hall, reports DHNS.

The event will held for boys and girls (U-11, U-13, U-15, U-17 and U-19) and the men's and women's singles categories. Last date for entries in June 14. For details, call Rohit 94487 50558 or submit entries on karnatakatabletennis. in.

Rich haul for wrestlers

▸ Manisha and Neha clinched gold medals in the women's division to headline a successful day for Indian wrestlers, who secured four gold and two bronze across the Greco-Roman and women's categories at the Ulaanbaatar Open Ranking Series in Mongolia, reports PTI from New Delhi.

Sony to telecast Tri-Nation event

▸ Sony Sports Network bagged the media rights for the Tri-Nation Series between India A, Sri Lanka A and Afghanistan A, reports DHNS.

Sri Lanka will host the tournament in Dambulla, which will host seven matches including the final, from June 9 to 21.

Praggu in three-way battle for title

OSLO, PTI: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa has put himself firmly in contention for the Norway Chess title after a commanding classical victory over compatriot D Gukesh moved him to within half a point of leader Wesley So of the USA, setting up an intriguing final round battle here.

Praggnanandhaa piled more misery on Gukesh, defeating the world champion in a classical game to earn three full points and put himself in the hunt to become the first Indian chess player to win the prestigious tournament.

He moved into the sole second place on 15 points, just behind American GM Wesley So (15.5) after Round 9, with one round remaining on Friday. The tournament could hardly have asked for a more dramatic finale, with France's Alireza Firouzja also in title contention on 14.5 points in third place, leaving three players with a realistic shot at the title heading into the final round. Significantly, whoever emerges victorious on Friday will be crowned Norway Chess champion for the first time.

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CRICKET

One-off Test: India vs Afghanistan **(day 1, 9:30 pm). LIVE** on **Star Sports 2, JioHotstar.**

First Test: England vs New Zealand **(day 3, 3:30 pm). LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

TENNIS

French Open: Women's singles **(final, 6:30 pm). LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network, FanCode.**

BADMINTON

Indonesia Open: Semifinals **(10:30 am). LIVE** on **Star Sports Select 2, JioHotstar.**

CRICKET

A testing ground for Indians

Chance for hosts to get into Test groove vs Afghanistan

MADHU JAWALI
MULLANPUR, DHNS

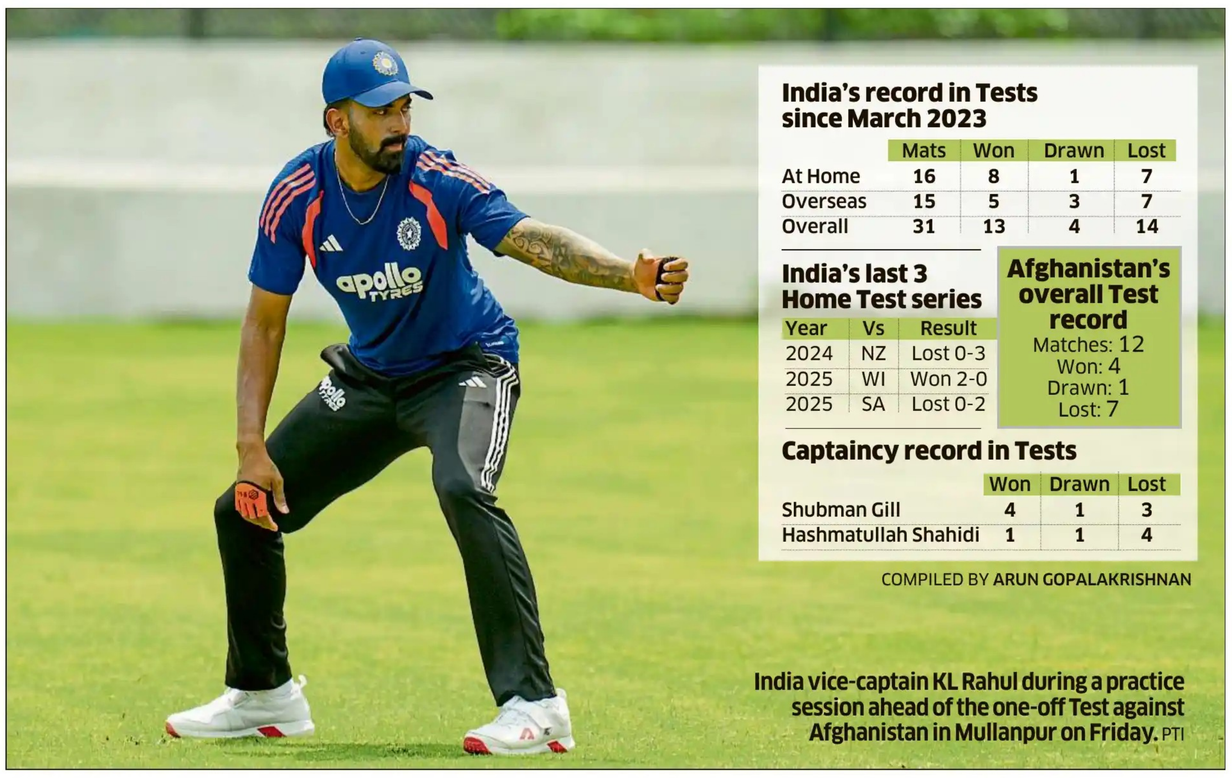
The late Bishen Singh Bedi, during an event at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in mid-2000s, had jokingly remarked that while South India had a great cricketing culture, Punjab had only agriculture. For a place with that image, it's remarkable that it will have a third Test venue, a distinction only Mumbai used to have till now. The Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Stadium here will become the country's 31st Test venue when it hosts the one-off clash between India and Afghanistan from Saturday.

The I S Bindra Stadium in Mohali used to be one of India's premier Test centres until recently while Sector-16 Stadium, which belonged to Haryana, too has hosted Test cricket.

Just a week ago, PCA's new stadium wore a festive look as the Indian Premier League attracted big crowds. On Saturday, that buzz would be missing as red-ball cricket makes its return. While it's not the most anticipated face-off, India will view the Test as more than just another international fixture in their busy calendar. With the match not forming part of the World Test Championship cycle, the contest presents an opportunity for the Indian team management to assess players and address a few key areas ahead of a crucial Test schedule over the next 18 months.

India are set to play nine more Tests during that period, and this opportunity is significant in terms of evaluating potential candidates. Afghanistan, for all their exploits in white-ball formats, are far from being a formidable Test side. Their limited experience in red-ball cricket, combined with the fact that many of their leading players have prioritised white-ball commitments, makes this series an ideal platform for experimentation without the attendant pressure.

One of India's biggest concerns remains the No. 3 position. The recent exits of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli led to a reshuffling of the batting order, with KL Rahul cementing the opening slot, along with Yashasvi Jaiswal, and captain Shubman Gill taking over the No. 4 position. However, the crucial position between them has remained unsettled. India have handed opportunities to Sai Sudharsan, Devdutt Padikkal, Karun Nair and Washington Sundar but have failed to find an able successor to Cheteshwar Pujara.



India vice-captain KL Rahul during a practice session ahead of the one-off Test against Afghanistan in Mullanpur on Friday. PTI

India's record in Tests since March 2023

	Mats	Won	Drawn	Lost
At Home	16	8	1	7
Overseas	15	5	3	7
Overall	31	13	4	14

India's last 3 Home Test series

Year	Vs	Result
2024	NZ	Lost 0-3
2025	WI	Won 2-0
2025	SA	Lost 0-2

Afghanistan's overall Test record
Matches: 12
Won: 4
Drawn: 1
Lost: 7

Captaincy record in Tests

	Won	Drawn	Lost
Shubman Gill	4	1	3
Hashmatullah Shahidi	1	1	4

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At present, Nair appears to have fallen out of contention, while Padikkal, who got to play only one Test at No. 3 in Perth, isn't the preferred option of the team management at the moment as reiterated by head coach Gautam Gambhir. That means Sudharsan will get an extended run to secure his place.

Another area of interest is the spin department. India are searching for a spinner who can provide not only control and wicket-taking ability but also contribute with the bat. Gambhir made it clear that veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, rested for the Afghanistan fixture, remains a central figure in India's Test plans along with Washington Sundar and Kuldeep Yadav in the red-ball set-up. That means Axar Patel is out of the scheme of things, at least for the foreseeable future.

The selectors have included two promising uncapped left-arm spinners, Manav Suthar and Harsh Dubey. One of them could be handed an opportunity against Afghanistan as India test their spin options for the two-Test tour of Sri Lanka scheduled in August.

The Afghanistan Test, therefore, serves as an ideal opportunity for players to shed their limited-overs cricket instincts and reacquaint themselves with the demands of the longer format.

Led by Hashmatullah Shahidi and shorn of big names like Rashid Khan and Mohammed Nabi, beating Afghanistan shouldn't be a tough task for India, but their recent home record should keep Gill and Co on their toes.

Teams (from): INDIA: Shubman Gill (captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul (vice-captain), Sai Sudharsan, Rishabh Pant (wk), Washington Sundar, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Harsh Dubey, Kuldeep Yadav, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Siraj, Devdutt Padikkal, Manav Suthar, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Gurnoor Brar.

AFGHANISTAN: Hashmatullah Shahidi (captain), Abdul Malik, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Rahmanullah, Afsar Zazai (wk), Ikram Alikhil (wk), Sediqullah Atal, Rahmat Shah, Azmatullah Omarzai, Sharafuddin Ashraf, Nangeyalia Kharote, Bilal Sami, Qais Ahmed, Mohammed Saleem, Ziaur Rahman.

Pybus wants to chat with Rashid over his Test future

MULLANPUR, PTI: Afghanistan head coach Richard Pybus is keen to have a conversation with star leg-spinner Rashid Khan about his long-term red-ball future but admitted that the bowler's chronic back issue and packed global schedule make his immediate Test availability uncertain.

On the eve of Afghanistan's one-off Test against India, Pybus said managing Rashid's workload would be a priority as the team looks to build a sustainable Test programme despite an erratic fixture list.

"Rashid has got this long-standing back complaint. He's got such a huge volume of cricket, you know, he's got to manage himself," Pybus said. "I look forward to having that conversation to see how we can support him, not only just with the opportunity to maybe continue to play some red-ball cricket if there is potential for that, but generally make sure he can play as long and as healthy as possible for Afghanistan," the Englishman said.

Rashid's absence has once again highlighted the challenges Afghanistan face in balancing the demands of franchise cricket and the Test format, a subject Pybus repeatedly returned to during his first media interaction since taking charge of the national side.

The former West Indies director of cricket stressed that the larger issue was not merely player availability but the lack of a consistent Test calendar.

Coach Gambhir vows to give Sudharsan a 'fair run' at No. 3

Padikkal set to miss out despite a prolific run in domestic cricket

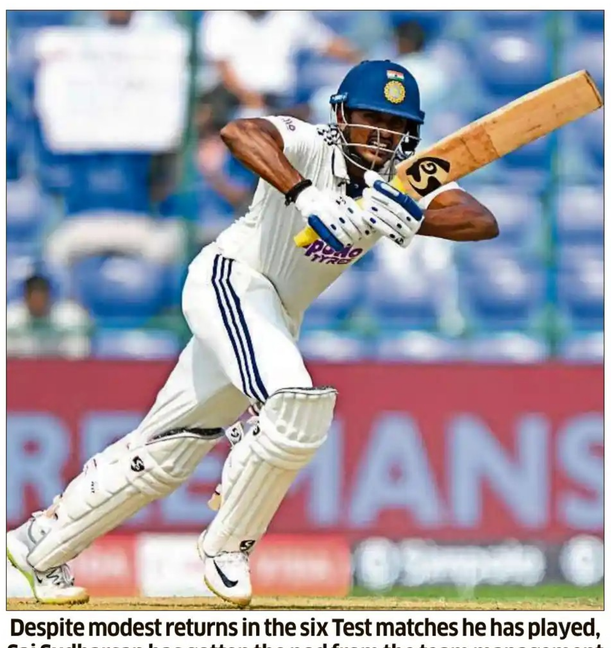
MADHU JAWALI
MULLANPUR, DHNS

Giving a cricketer a "fair run" can mean different things to different coaches and selectors in Indian cricket. It is often difficult to determine whether such decisions are driven by instinct or objective assessment.

Sai Sudharsan has batted in 11 innings across six Test appearances, three each in England and India. India's designated No. 3 has scored 302 runs at an average of 27.45, including two fifties. Yet, according to head coach Gautam Gambhir, he has not been given a fair opportunity to prove his credentials.

Someone like Auqib Nabi, the Jammu and Kashmir pacer who has taken more than 100 Ranji Trophy wickets over the past two seasons, is still waiting for an opportunity, let alone a fair run.

Hanuma Vihari, a replacement player, was preferred over first-choice batter Karun Nair during India's 2018 Test tour of England, while the Karnataka batter had to wait seven years for his next opportunity.



Despite modest returns in the six Test matches he has played, Sai Sudharsan has gotten the nod from the team management over an in-form Devdutt Padikkal for the crucial No. 3 slot.

Devdutt Padikkal, who made his India debut before Sudharsan in March 2024, scored a fluent 65 against England after replacing Rajat Patidar and did not get another opportunity until more than seven months later in Perth, where he filled in for an injured Rohit Sharma.

Given the form of his life across all three formats in domestic cricket, many would be tempted to pick the left-hander from Karnataka. However, he may have to wait until Sudharsan's "fair run" comes to an end.

"You can only pick 11 players, unfortunately, and sometimes you just have to wait for your opportunity," Gambhir said in response to a pointed question about Padikkal.

"I have always believed that the players we back should be given a fair run. And Sai is not in bad form either. He scored 700 runs in the IPL. If judging players on the basis of only four or five Test matches is considered enough, then I feel we will never be able to build something. Hopefully, he (Padikkal) will get his opportunity. Whenever that time comes, we will give him a fair run as well.

"It is not about giving one player five Test matches and another just one. If we give someone a fair run, then whenever another player gets his opportunity, he will receive the same treatment. At the moment, we are going to give Sai a fair run. He is a world-class player and a quality batter. I am sure he will come good."

Gambhir further said: "Honestly, he (Sudharsan) has not had a fair chance. He has played only a handful of Test matches, and he began his career in England, which we all know is not the easiest place to start. He has also had a phenomenal run in the IPL, and we need to give him a fair opportunity. I still believe he has not had a fair chance."

Gambhir urges Pant to play the 'situation'

MADHU JAWALI
MULLANPUR, DHNS

Rishabh Pant is a maverick in the true sense of the word. This very trait has earned him plenty of success but it has also caused his downfall several times.

The are people who believe the left-hander should be left to play his natural game, while there are others who argue he has to play what the situation demands. While it's difficult to fault either of the arguments, only Pant can find a solution to this predicament.

He can be exhilarating one moment and exasperating the next. A fitting example came during the Melbourne Test last year, when Sunil Gavaskar's viral "stupid, stupid, stupid" outburst followed Rishabh Pant's ill-fated reverse sweep dismissal. With a draw well within India's grasp, Pant's wicket proved costly as the match eventually slipped away from them.

Head coach Gautam Gambhir doesn't think too differently and wants Pant, who has been stripped of Test vice-captaincy, to play the situation without curbing his game.

"Look, the only responsibility is to play for India," said Gambhir when asked about Pant being relieved of vice-captaincy. "Captaincy, vice-captaincy, all this is a by-product. When you start playing for India, you don't think about being a vice-captain or a captain. You think about doing good for India. So going from one to the other is a by-product and ultimately, everyone is judged on performance. Be it me, be it any support staff, be it any player, ultimately that is what international cricket is all about."

India head coach Gautam Gambhir (left) minced no words in stating that maverick batter Rishabh Pant needs to exercise some caution in his shot selections. PTI

Gambhir had made his displeasure clear during the South Africa Test series, which India lost 2-0 at home, last year when Pant got out to what can be described as avoidable shots. And he emphasised the need to read the situation.

"We will expect him (Pant) to be the way he is," he began. "There is nothing that we will tell him that you have to curb your game but in international cricket, it is very important to play the situation. It is important to read the situation. At that time, what kind of situation the team is in and what kind of shot to play. But it is not that any player is told to play a completely different game than his natural game. Be it Test cricket, one-day cricket or T20 cricket, the ultimate aim is to make runs and take wickets. You can never get away from that. It is up to you how you make the runs. But reading the situation and reading the game is much more important."

Smith helps England recover; New Zealand eye victory

LONDON, AFP: Jamie Smith helped England recover from a middle-order collapse as they set New Zealand 254 to win the first Test at Lord's on Friday.

England were dismissed for 226 in their second innings on the second day of a frenetic clash in north London.

New Zealand's Nathan Smith **(in pic)** took 6-70, the second five-wicket haul of the paceman's six-match Test career.

But given New Zealand were dismissed for just 113 in the first innings, they need a vastly-improved batting effort to avoid falling 1-0 behind in the three-match series.

Debutant opener Emilio Gay was England's top-scorer in their second innings with 57 and wicket-keeper Smith made 39.

Earlier, England lost four wickets for just one run as 126-2 quickly became 127-6 before Smith steadied the ship in the 150th Test at Lord's -- the most of any ground.

Smith received good support from Gus Atkinson during a seventh-wicket stand of 57.

This is England's first Test since a 4-1 series loss in Australia where they squandered several promising positions.

And it looked like they might be suffering a repeat of their Ashes debacle when Harry Brook, fresh from a first-innings fifty, and England captain Ben Stokes were both dismissed without scoring on Friday.

Brief scores: England: 140 all out & 226 all out in 56 overs (Ben Duckett 33, Emilio Gay 57, Jamie Smith 39, Ollie Robinson 29; Nathan Smith 6-70, Will O'Rourke 2-46) vs New Zealand (O/N: 61/6): 113 all out in 29.5 overs (Glenn Phillips 34, Kyle Jamieson 38 n.o.; Ollie Robinson 5-39, Josh Tongue 3-40, Gus Atkinson 2-9) & 36/3 in 11.5 overs (Gus Atkinson 2-10).

Iyer set to be named T20I captain

MUMBAI, PTI

Shreyas Iyer will formally replace Suryakumar Yadav as India's new T20 captain when the national selection panel meets here on Saturday to finalise squads for the white-ball tour of the UK and the subsequent Asian Games in Japan.

The tour of the UK will feature a couple of T20 Internationals against Ireland on June 26 and 28 in Belfast followed by a trip to England for five T20Is and three ODIs beginning July 1.

The Asian Games will take place in September-October in Aichi-Nagoya and the squad is being announced early to meet the deadlines set by the event organisers.

It is expected that young Mumbai Indians batter Tilak Varma will be the new vice-captain, while 15-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi will earn his maiden senior team call-up.

Shreyas Iyer is all set to replace Suryakumar Yadav as India's new T20I captain when the national selection panel announces the squads for the UK tour and Asian Games today. PTI

Suyakumar is not only being sacked as India captain despite winning the T20 World Cup earlier this year, he is also being dropped from the squad for his poor form over the last 18 months during which he is suspected to have played with a wrist injury.

The 31-year-old Iyer, who was not a part of the T20 World Cup squad, is expected to take on the No. 4 slot in the batting line-up. He is being rewarded for being one of the most astute IPL captains, having taken three different franchises (Delhi Capitals, Kolkata Knight Riders and Punjab Kings) to IPL finals, winning the trophy once.

Leading three different set-ups to the title round is no small feat and he is the only IPL captain to do so, an achievement that inspires confidence in his leadership. Add to it, his batting form has not dipped while captaining and the only blip in his run would be this year's freefall by Punjab Kings during the second half of the IPL after starting out rather well.

Chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar will announce two separate squads for the UK Tour and the Asian Games set to be held in Japan in September-October.

The BCCI will field its best possible squad even though the event clashes with a bilateral white-ball home series against the West Indies at the same time.

For Asian Games, Varma could be seen leading the side with Sooryavanshi likely to be a part of that T20 squad.

Some new names could enter the fray, including pacer Prince Yadav and left-arm spinner Harsh Dubey, who is also in the Test and ODI squad for the series against Afghanistan starting on Saturday.

Arpan stars in Beagles BC win

BENGALURU, DHNS: Arpan's 38-point effort powered Beagles BC to a comprehensive 84-59 win over Devanga Union during their knockout game in the Devanga Union Centenary Celebration Prof NC Parappa State-level floodlit invitational basketball tournament for Men here on Friday.

LOCAL BASKETBALL

In another match, Bharath SU handed HBR BC a 109-33 drubbing.

Results (knockouts): Men: Beagles BC: 84 (Arpan 38, Rohan 15) bt Devanga Union: 59 (Dhruvanth 14, Nischal 14, Rishi Kirthi 14). HT: 34-26; GST & Customs: 83 (Bhuvan 22, Dheeraj 22) bt JSC: 60 (Dinesh 21). HT: 35-32; Bharath SU: 109 (Kanishka 23, Abhishek 16) bt HBR BC: 33 (Vinush 12). HT: 63-20; DYES Bangalore: 74 (Bathesh 18, Bhuvan 11) bt Bangalore Vanguards: 36 (Avinash 13, Siddarth 13). HT: 36-20.

TEAMS: 48 VENUES: 16 TOURNAMENT SPAN: 39 DAYS

Andoni Iraola

Liverpool appoint Iraola as new manager

LIVERPOOL, AFP: Liverpool named Andoni Iraola as their new manager on Thursday after sacking Arne Slot following a calamitous Premier League title defence.

Iraola quickly emerged as Liverpool's top target to replace Slot, whose two-year reign came to a shock end when he was dismissed last Saturday.

Liverpool gave no indication as to the length of the 43-year-old Spaniard's contract but British media have reported that he has signed a two-year deal.

"Really excited, really excited, because obviously you know about Liverpool, you know that it's a big club, a massive club, one of the biggest in the world," Iraola, who called time on his impressive spell with Bournemouth at the end of this season, said on Liverpool's official website.

"But feeling inside and understanding a little bit more of this club, I always thought it's a special club.

"You don't need a lot of things to get attracted by Liverpool. Liverpool is Liverpool. But obviously the atmosphere, the supporters, the club, the players, the chance for me to coach top-level players, the chance to fight for titles."

Spain side built on family ethos

Coach De la Fuente has curated a young La Roja with a fatherly touch

MADRID, REUTERS

Spain's 64-year-old manager Luis de la Fuente looks like a man who has made peace with football's chaos.

Kind, warm, smiling and armed with the serene certainty of someone who has spent more than a decade building his team piece-by-piece, he heads to the World Cup with a side many regard as the one to beat.

De la Fuente, who spoke to Reuters before travelling to North America, said the secret of the European champions' rise was more than a clear tactical path, a motivational speech or one man's genius but something simpler and warmer.

"Some time ago, we began to emphasise a word that gave us a great deal of security, confidence and strength - family'. We want the Spanish national team to be a family," he said.

"From the first player to the last, we all work with that idea in mind and that makes me feel very calm, very serene. It makes me work knowing that I am in good company and that gives me a great deal of confidence."

That word has become the spine of his Spain outfit: a group bound not only by talent but by years of shared dressing rooms, junior tournaments, disappointments, trophies and trust.

Mocked by several media outlets when he was appointed as Spain coach, Luis de la Fuente has made the critics eat humble pie by piecing together an excellent side. REUTERS

It has been a long and unusual route to the top for De la Fuente, once a hard-working full back who made his name in the Basque Country with Athletic Bilbao and built his coaching career largely away from club football's glare, spending a decade inside Spain's youth system.

5 DAYS to GO

When he was appointed Spain manager over three years ago, parts of the media mocked him as "Luis de la Who?" He was seen by many as a low-key federation man, orderly and diligent, but lacking the glamour usually demanded of such a job.

His answer has been emphatic: Nations League glory in 2023, the European Championship in 2024 and a Spain side arriving at the World Cup carrying the confidence of a team that knows exactly what it is.

A practising Catholic who strives to live according to his faith, De la Fuente said he had no interest in settling old scores.

"Time proves you right and proves you wrong. Time puts everyone in their place. I knew what I had to do," he said.

"I'm not vindictive and I believe everyone should reflect on what they may have said or done and weigh it up. I haven't changed a bit since then. I'm still the same person, believe me ... My life hasn't changed.

"I'm still doing exactly the same things I was doing three and a half years ago. I go to the same places, I go to the same restaurants, the same cafes, I walk down the street calmly doing exactly the same things."

If others needed convincing, his players did not. De la Fuente's greatest advantage was once treated as a weakness: he rose step-by-step and took many of this generation with him.

Mikel Merino played under him in back-to-back European Under-21 finals against Germany, losing in 2017 but winning two years later. Mikel Oyarzabal, Dani Olmo and Fabian Ruiz were also part of that 2019 success and became senior European champions.

Merino's first international title with De la Fuente came even earlier, in 2015, when he played alongside Rodri and goalkeeper Unai Simon in Spain's 2-0 win over Russia in the European Under-19 Championship final in Greece.

Ivory Coast hand France a reality check

NANTES (FRANCE), REUTERS

Guela Doue haunted his brother's national team as he scored once and set up the winner to fire Ivory Coast to a shock 2-1 comeback victory over France in a World Cup warm-up match in Nantes on Thursday.

The 23-year-old Strasbourg defender, older brother of France and Paris St Germain forward Desire Doue, cancelled out Rayan Cherki's sublime opener shortly after halftime before delivering the cross that Amad Diallo converted for the winner.

France appeared comfortably in control after an encouraging first-half display and led through Cherki's moment of brilliance, but Didier Deschamps' side unravelled after the break as Ivory Coast punished defensive lapses.

Les Bleus, who were on a nine-match unbeaten streak, next face Northern Ireland in a final warm-up game in Lille on Monday.

Spain held

European champions Spain were held to a 1-1 draw by Iraq in a World Cup warm-up in A Coruna on Thursday, with manager Luis de la Fuente resting several key players before their final friendly against Peru in Puebla, Mexico, on Monday.

De la Fuente left out Lamine Yamal, Nico Williams, David Raya, Victor Munoz, Marc Cucurella, Pedri, Fabian Ruiz, Martin Zubimendi, Rodri and Mikel Oyarzabal because of fitness concerns, leaving Spain with a heavily rotated starting line-up.

The result was a subdued send-off for Spain on home soil before they travel to North America on Friday.

Mexico soar

Mexico came from behind to beat Serbia 5-1 in their final World Cup warm-up match in Toluca, gaining momentum a week before opening the tournament on home soil.

Fireworks lit up the Nemesio Diez stadium at the final whistle as Mexico signed off their World Cup preparations in style.

Ivory Coast's Guela Doue (left) celebrates after scoring against France during a World Cup friendly at the Stade de la Beaujoire in Nantes on Thursday. AFP

India suffer 1-3 loss to Tajikistan

TURSUNZODA (TAJIKISTAN), PTI: India suffered a 1-3 defeat against higher-ranked Tajikistan in an international football friendly here on Friday.

India will play another international friendly against the host nation on June 9.

The home team took the lead early through Sheriddin Boboev's spot kick in the ninth minute and carried the advantage into the break as India struggled to create clear-cut chances against a well-organised Tajik defence.

India fought hard after the change of ends but Tajikistan tightened their grip on the contest with two more goals from Mekhrubon Karimov (61st minute) and Ehson Panjshanbe (67th) in the second half.

The visitors managed to reduce the margin late in the game after a superb effort from Farukh Choudhary (88th) but could not prevent a third successive defeat in their recent run of international friendlies.

The match was part of India's preparations for upcoming continental assignments, with head coach Khalid Jamil expected to use the outing to assess combinations and give exposure to several players against quality opposition.

The Blue Tigers came into this match on the back of two defeats at the Unity Cup in London in which they lost 0-2 to Jamaica and 0-1 to Zimbabwe.

Zverev closes in on Slam dream

German to face Cobolli in final after Arnaldi withdraws due to illness

PARIS, AFP

Alexander Zverev moved to the verge of a long-awaited first Grand Slam title as the second seed saw off Jakub Mensik in four sets on Friday to set up a French Open final against Flavio Cobolli.

The German will face 10th seed Cobolli on Sunday after securing a 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Mensik.

Cobolli did not even have to play his first Grand Slam semifinal, as his last-four opponent and fellow Italian Matteo Arnaldi withdrew from the tournament shortly before the match due to illness.

Zverev has endured several near misses at the majors, with three previous final defeats, including against Carlos Alcaraz at Roland Garros two years ago.

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"This is a Grand Slam, it's best of five, things are going to happen, opponents are going to play better. I managed it," said Zverev.

"I hope to play another great match on Sunday."

Zverev will be a strong favourite when he faces Cobolli, against whom he holds a 3-1 winning record, to finally get over the line and lift a Slam trophy.

The world No. 3 was playing in his 11th Grand Slam semifinal and his experience showed against Czech youngster Mensik.

The 20-year-old, in the last four of a major for the first time, tired as the match went on as his previous exertions in Paris, including two five-set matches, took their toll.

Germany's Alexander Zverev returns during his semifinal win against Czech Republic's Jakub Mensik on Court Philippe-Chatrier at the French Open in Paris on Friday. AFP

Disappointing end

World No. 104 Arnaldi had spent the most amount of time on court for a player en route to a Grand Slam semifinal, winning marathon matches in the third and fourth rounds.

His quarterfinal opponent Matteo Berrettini retired injured in the second set of their last-eight tie.

But Arnaldi's dreams of a remarkable Slam title were ended by a virus.

"It's tough -- for how the tournament was, for how many hours I spent on court, I felt pretty good," said Arnaldi.

"Every time I get up I feel dizzy and not the best... so that was the right decision for me."

Cobolli has dropped just two sets in the event so far and impressed in his quarter-final victory over Canadian fourth seed Felix Auger-Aliassime.

"It's tough for me to speak also. When he came to me an hour ago I almost cried," said Cobolli of his friend Arnaldi.

"At the same time I'm happy with the result this week."

Results: Men (semifinal, prefix denotes seeding): 2-Alexander Zverev (Ger) bt 26-Jakub Mensik (Cze) 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; 10-Flavio Cobolli (Ita) bt Matteo Arnaldi (Ita) walkover.

A final hardly anyone envisioned

PARIS, REUTERS

LIVE 6:30 PM SONY SPORTS

If the French Open women's final appears on paper to be a mismatch between a teenage prodigy and an unheralded qualifier, Poland's Maja Chwalinska has spent the past fortnight proving appearances can be deceiving.

Russian eighth seed Mirra Andreeva arrives at Saturday's showpiece as the overwhelming favourite after bulldozing her way through the draw, dropping only 12 games in her last three matches and looking every inch a future Grand Slam champion.

Yet across the net will stand a player whose improbable run has become one of the stories of the tournament.

Chwalinska travelled to Paris ranked 114th in the world and had to win three qualifying matches to reach the main draw. Nine victories later, the 24-year-old finds herself one win away from one of the most unlikely Grand Slam titles of the Open Era.

Andreeva, who reached the Roland Garros semifinals as a 17-year-old two years ago, believes her growing maturity has helped transform her from a precocious talent into a genuine title contender.

"I'm getting closer, I'm getting older, a little bit more mature every match I play, a little bit more experienced," Andreeva told reporters.

"So I think that now I'm able to approach every match differently and try to really focus on the opponent that I'm going to play against and the game plan that I'm going to have to use on the court."

The Russian's relentless baseline power and ability to dictate rallies have overwhelmed opponents.

Power meets guile as prodigious Russian Mirra Andreeva (right) faces fairytale qualifier Maja Chwalinska of Poland in the French Open final on Saturday. AFP/ REUTERS

India colts edge Pak in thriller

KAKAMIGAHARA (JAPAN), PTI: The Indian hockey team showed good character to defeat arch-rivals Pakistan 5-3 in a high-voltage semifinal match of the U-18 Men's Asia Cup here on Friday.

Trailing 2-3 until the final quarter, India produced an outstanding attacking display in the final minutes to secure their place in the summit clash.

The Indian U-18 women's team, though, lost in penalty shootouts to China in the semifinals. After an intense and well-fought 2-2 draw over four quarters, the Indian women lost 1-3 in the shootout.

Nousheen Naz (3rd) and Kiran Ekka (54th) scored the goals for India while Li ZeYan (24th) and Zhang Yuzheng (48th) sounded the board for China in the regulation time.

Meanwhile, the men's match between India and Pakistan began with a quiet and tense opening, as both teams fought hard for control in the midfield. India found their rhythm in the 12th minute when a brilliant run from their own half forced a defensive error from Pakistan, earning India a penalty stroke.

Forward Ashish Tani Purti (12th) stepped up and calmly converted it to give India an early 1-0 lead, which they maintained until the end of the first quarter.

Lyles reigns supreme in Rome 100m

ROME, AFP

Olympic champion Noah Lyles scorched to victory in the men's 100m at the Rome Diamond League meeting on Thursday in 9.88 seconds.

The four-time 200m world champion American pushed Cameroon's Emmanuel Eseme (9.94) into second with Letsile Tebogo (9.95) of Botswana in third.

Italian former Olympic champion Marcell Jacobs came fifth in 9.99s.

Lyles, 28, had won his first race of the season in Tokyo two weeks ago in 9.95s.

US' Noah Lyles celebrates after winning the men's 100m final at the Rome Diamond League meeting on Thursday. REUTERS

Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage produced a stunning 92.62m in the javelin to propel himself into eighth on the all-time list in the event.

The 23-year-old had already thrown the year's best distance of 89.37m in March but he still has a few more metres to find to trouble Jan Zelezny's world record of 98.48m back in May 1996.

Rising Indian javelin thrower Sachin Yadav struggled in his Diamond League debut as he finished a disappointing.

The 26-year-old Yadav could only muster a best throw of 79.18, well below his personal best of 86.27m which he had produced while finishing fourth in the Tokyo World Championships last year.

Serena comeback to continue in Berlin

BERLIN, AFP

Serena Williams will take part in the women's doubles at June's WTA event in Berlin, organisers announced on Friday, the next stop in her comeback after a near four-year absence.

"Every tournament I add to my schedule right now is special, and Berlin is no exception," Williams, 44, said in a statement.

"I look forward to playing in front of the German crowd and continuing to build momentum for the grass-court season."

Serena Williams

Her doubles partner will be announced at a later date.

On Monday, the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion confirmed her return to the sport to play at London's Queen's Club tournament starting June 8.

The Berlin Tennis Open begins in the German capital on June 15 and is a traditional warm-up event for Wimbledon, which starts on June 29.

Nine of the WTA's top 10 players are set to take part at the tournament in Berlin's west.

Williams' third-round exit at the US Open in September 2022 was her final match on the tour.

The American's final opportunities to fine-tune her comeback will be in tournaments at Bad Homburg, in Germany, and Eastbourne, in England, before Wimbledon begins.

Global Influence for main event

BENGALURU SELECTIONS

Rajesh Narredu-trained Global Influence, to be ridden by Suraj Narredu, will be the favourite to win the Nawab M Arshad Ali Khan Memorial Cup, the feature event of the races here on Saturday. The first race starts at 2.30 pm.

1. The Ascot Plate -- 1400M: Avenger 1, Burevestnik 2, Exotic Black 3.
2. The Rate Gem Plate (Div II) -- 1200M: Vibrant Queen 1, Lightning Blitz 2, Hushed 3.
3. The Santorini Star Plate -- 1400M: Stella Maris 1, Versace 2, Vafadar 3.
4. The Bright R C R Hill Memorial Trophy -- 1800M: Moon Star 1, Youremanorborne 2, Maana 3.
5. The Nawab M Arshad Ali Khan Memorial Cup -- 1400M: Global Influence 1, Xanthe 2, Kalamitsi 3.
6. The Rate Gem Plate (Div I) -- 1200M: Solara 1, Sapporo 2, Mnemosyne 3.
Day's best: Avener. **Jackpot:** 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Mini jackpot:** 3, 4, 5 & 6. **I treble:** 1, 2 & 3. **II treble:** 4, 5 & 6.

United Aces FC down BM FC

BENGALURU, DHNS: Vikram S (11th), Sachin Raj G (13th) and Prakash P (26th) netted one goal apiece that was enough to carry United Aces FC to an easy 3-0 win over BM FC during their Group C game in the South Zone C Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Friday.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Results: South Zone: C Division: Group C: United Aces FC: 3 (Vikram S 11th, Sachin Raj G 13th, Prakash P 26th) bt BM FC: 0; FX FC Bangalore: 2 (Kaviarasu S 15th, 32nd) bt Vanquisher Sports: 0; Play Smart FC: 1 (Anandha Ruban S 17th) drew with TFF: 1 (Abdul Injmul 33rd). **Group D:** Freelancers FC: 2 (Mohmmed Adhil T 26th, Naveen Prakash Raj 56th) bt Noel Wilson: 1 (Elrick Shijan 18th); FC Real Bengaluru: 5 (Kangkan Jyoti Deke 8th, Roshish Singh Bartwal 11th, Shreshth Kant Upadhyay 29th, Nehgoumang Guite 44th, A Muhammad Shareef 60+2nd) bt NEY FC: 1 (Sunil Kumar A 40th). **D Division: Group B:** Zent Intl: 7 (Jagminthang Haokip 10th, Sarathy G 17th, 24th, JaanggouLeun Haokip 20th, Daman Niano 32nd, Thangminsen Jhongsai 36th, Chunginsem Khaawhung 41st) bt KGF FC: 0; Mercurial FC: 2 (Mohan Bahadur 39th, Angomjambam Santhosh Sing 50+4th) bt Power Play: 1 (Sunit Sharma 20th).

ATHLETICS

Theerthesh, Unnathi break state records

Duo punch their tickets for National Inter-State meet in grand style

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Theerthesh Shetty (left) and Unnathi Aiyappa won the men's and women's 200m races respectively at the State Championships on Friday.

Theerthesh P Shetty and Unnathi Aiyappa dominated the 200m events on the final day of the Karnataka State Senior athletics meet by breaking the state records in their respective categories at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Friday.

The 24-year-old Theerthesh, a North Karnataka athlete who primarily competes in the 400m and won the event on the opening day, clocked 20.70 seconds on hand timing to surpass the previous record of 20.79 set by Abhin D Uduoi last year. Theerthesh finished the 200m final way ahead of second-placed Mahantesh S Helavi (20.91) and Prasannakumar V Mannur (21.08).

The 21-year-old Unnathi, meanwhile, put a daylight gap between her and the newly-crowned 100m champion Prakruthi Roopa in the fastest 200m race in India in the last four years that saw the fall of the 36-year-old state record held by Olympian Ashwini Nachappa at 23.40.

While Chikkaballapur's Prakruthi matched Ashwini's timing, Unnathi zoomed well ahead to reset the record at 23.10. V Sudheeksha took third spot at 23.71. The 200m state champion now eyes CWG qualification at the Ludhiana leg of Indian Athletics Series on June 13.

"I feel can go faster than this as I have resumed training for the last two weeks after a niggle in April," Unnathi told DH.

It's worth noting that none of the timings at the state meet will be ratified by the Athletics Federation of India. The race events on the day were all recorded as hand-clock timing.

Top three, however, from each events have qualified for the Inter-State Athletics Championships (June 24-28), which are also the final trials for the Asian Games.

Theerthesh was never required to participate in the state meet as being the national camper, under 400m coach Raj Mohan, granted him direct entry to the event. The quartermiler, instead, used the competition as a warm-up for the Asian Relay Championships, which takes place in Shangyu, China from June 20 to 21.

Results (winners only): Men: 100m: Theerthesh P Shetty 20.70, (MR: Old: 20.79, Abhin D Uduoi, 2025). **400m hurdles:** Aryan Kashyapa (50.70). **10,000m:** Shailesh Kushwaha (29:56.95). **Decathlon:** Trilok Vodeyar (6104 pts). **Women: 100m:** Unnathi Aiyappa 23.10 (MR: 23.40, Old: 23.40 Ashwini Nachappa, 1990). **400m hurdles:** Sinchal Kaveramma (58.96). **10,000m:** Yuvarani (46:40.70). **Heptathlon:** Rakshitha (3754 pts).

Rana falls ill on flight, undergoes treatment upon return

NEW DELHI, PTI: Renowned shooting coach Jaspal Rana recently underwent a medical procedure after falling ill during the Indian contingent's return flight from the ISSF World Cup in Munich, Germany.

Rana is currently serving as the high-performance coach for Indian pistol shooters.

"Yes, he (Jaspal) was not feeling well in the flight and after landing in Delhi, he went straight to the hospital where he underwent tests and then got a stent fixed," a source in the NRAI said.

New franchises spend big at Maharaja auction

BENGALURU, DHNS

The two new franchises in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20, Coastal Kings Mangaluru and Shivamogga Yodhas, made a splash at the Season 5 auction, securing the two biggest buys of the day in Karun Nair and Smaran R.

The fifth edition of the tournament will be played from June 20 to July 12 across Mysuru, Hubballi and Bengaluru.

Coastal Kings landed Karun for a tournament-high Rs 18 lakh, while Yodhas snapped up Smaran for Rs 15.75 lakh. Coastal Kings also secured Shreyas Gopal for Rs 10.25 lakh and experienced all-rounder Koushik V for Rs 8 lakh. Coastal Kings Mangaluru complemented their headline signings with the acquisitions of Suraj Ahuja for Rs 6 lakh.

Yodhas supplemented their headline signing of Smaran by acquiring Luvnith Sisodia for Rs 7.75 lakh, Yashraj Punja for Rs 5 lakh. Hubli Tigers also made a major statement at the auction, acquiring Abhinav Manohar for Rs 13.50 lakh followed by Mayank Agarwal for Rs 11.50 lakh. Tigers backed their all-round strength by bringing in Hardik Raj and Manvanth Kumar for Rs 7.50 lakh each, alongside Shikhar Shetty for Rs 4 lakh.

Gulbarga Mystics strengthened their resources with the acquisitions of Manish Pandey for Rs 12.75 lakh and explosive all-rounder Macneil Noronha for Rs 12.25 lakh. Mystics went on to make the acquisitions of Melu Kranthi Kumar for Rs 8.75 lakh, Sharath BR for Rs 5.25 lakh and Dhruv Prabhakar for Rs 4.25 lakh.

Karun Nair went to new franchise Coastal Kings for a tournament-high of Rs 18 lakh.

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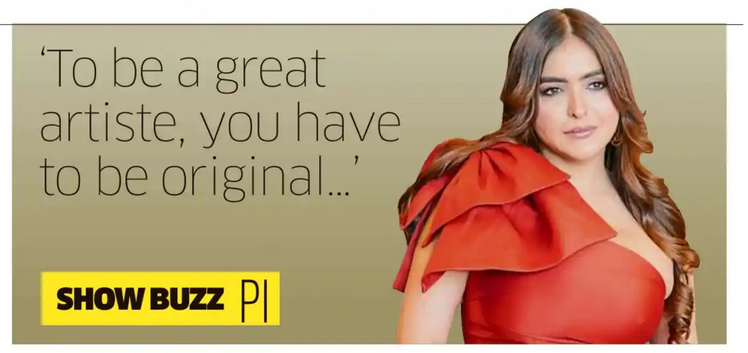

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DELIGHT

Choose beverages that complement your fusion dish

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- Let one tradition be the main flavour and the other a complementary one. The flavours need to blend, not compete
- Ensure the preparation and ingredients are authentic, not just a random mix of items from two different traditions
- The flavours being fused must complement each other and create a harmonious dish. Ensure similar profiles – sweet, spicy etc

- Don't go overboard with the number of flavours blended. Achieve a balance with one or two
- If you are preparing something exotic, ensure some of it is familiar and recognisable
- Always test a new recipe and get some feedback from close friends or family before you introduce it at a get-together at home to ensure no culinary mis-adventure happens

Fusion of flavours

Jayanthi Madhukar presents three delicacies that blend two distinct flavours

Fusion food was once defined by playful mash-ups and unlikely pairings. But it has now evolved into bringing together the best of two distinct cuisines, marrying flavours to highlight the best of both traditions. Which is why, you can elevate a dinner party by creating simple, yet exotic-tasting fusion food and impress your guests with your culinary skills.

Samosa Pinwheel

A fun twist on the classic samosa, this starter is sure to ignite interest and appetite

What you need

- Two pastry sheets
- Three medium-sized potatoes (boiled)
- Half a cup of green peas (boiled)
- One green chilli (finely chopped)
- One teaspoon of grated ginger
- Half a teaspoon each of cumin seeds, garam masala, red chilli powder and coriander powder
- One tablespoon of oil
- Two tablespoons of chopped coriander leaves
- One tablespoon of flour mixed with two tablespoons of water (for sealing)
- Salt to taste

Preparation

Heat oil in a pan and add cumin seeds. Once they splutter, add ginger and green chilli. Stir in the mashed potatoes, peas, spices and salt. Cook for 2-3 minutes. Add coriander leaves and allow the mixture to cool completely.

Roll out the pastry sheet and spread a thin, even layer of the potato mixture over it. Starting from one end, roll the pastry sheet tightly into a log. Brush the edge with the flour paste to seal. Refrigerate the log for 15-20 minutes to firm up.

Slice into one cm wide rounds and arrange on a lined baking tray. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 200-degrees C for 18-20 minutes, or until puffed and golden brown. Serve hot with mint chutney or tamarind sauce.

Pav Bhaji Noodles

It's a quick, easy-to-make dish which combines the buttery flavour of pav bhaji with that of noodles

What you need

- One teaspoon each of oil and butter
- One onion and tomato (finely chopped)
- Half a capsicum (finely chopped)
- Half a cup of mixed boiled vegetables (peas, carrots, beans)
- Two tablespoons each of pav bhaji masala and chopped coriander leaves
- Quarter teaspoon of red chilli powder (optional)
- Salt to taste
- Lemon wedges for serving

Preparation

Cook the noodles according to instructions on the package. Drain and set aside. Heat the butter and oil in a pan. Saute the onions until soft. Add the tomatoes and cook until it breaks down into a thick mixture. Stir in the capsicum and boiled vegetables. Mash lightly with the back of a spoon. Add the pav bhaji masala, chilli powder and salt. Cook for 2-3 minutes until fragrant. Toss in the cooked noodles and mix well so that the masala coats them evenly. Cook for another minute over high heat and plate it. Garnish with coriander leaves. Serve hot with a squeeze of lemon.

Rasmalai Tres Leches Cake

A simple fusion dessert that blends the milky richness of tres leches cake with the fragrant flavours of rasmalai

Preparation

Combine sugar and soft butter in a large mixing bowl and whisk well until mixture is light and airy. In another bowl, whisk the eggs. Add the sifted flour and beaten eggs into the mixing bowl little by little, whisking the mixture well. Add the vanilla essence and after a final whisk, transfer the mixture into a greased baking dish and bake the cake in a pre-heated oven at 180-degree C for 15-20 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean.

For the cake

(either get a readymade sponge cake or make one from scratch)

- One cup of butter
- Half a cup castor sugar
- Three medium -sized eggs
- One and a half cup of flour (sifted) plus one and a half teaspoon of baking powder
- One teaspoon of vanilla essence

For the milk mixture

- Half a cup each of condensed milk, full-fat warm milk and fresh cream
- Quarter teaspoon of cardamom powder
- A few strands of saffron

Preparation

- Mix all of these in a bowl. Whisk well.

Preparation - Rasmalai Tres Leches Cake

Poke holes in the cooled cake with a toothpick. Pour the milk mixture over the cake slowly, allowing the cake to soak in the milk mixture. Refrigerate for two hours.

Before serving the chilled cake, top it with whipped cream and garnish with pistachios or even cinnamon powder.

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LOTGA

CHATP

MDOOIN

OXUTDE

Today's Guest JUMBLER is DANA SIMPSON creator of PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answers

GLOAT PATCH DOMINO TUXEDO

Marigold went on and on about her horn. But Phoebe had to admit she — HAD A GOOD POINT

HITORI-149

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SOLUTION for HITORI-149

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■	7	■	3	5	■	2	1
1	8	5	■	4	2	7	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

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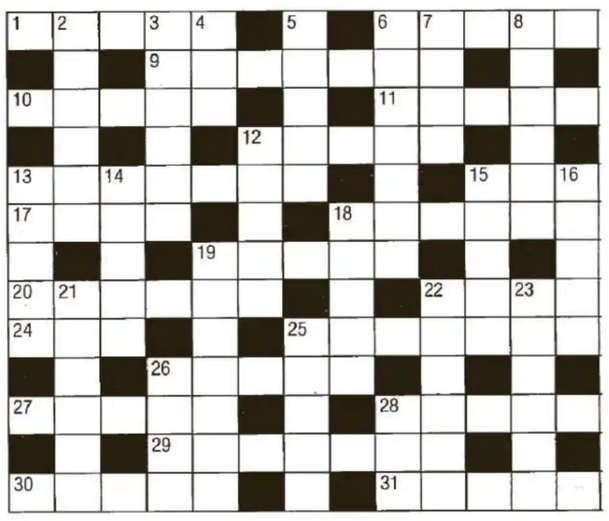

EASY

ACROSS
1 Rub hard (5)
6 Thick (5)
9 Bewilder (7)
10 Spiteful (5)
11 Movies (5)
12 Restrict (5)
13 Army officer (7)
15 Policeman (3)
17 Musical instrument (4)
18 Leg bone (6)
19 Fortune-telling cards (5)
20 Rural (6)
22 Present (4)
24 Land measure (3)
25 Flower (7)
26 Winter sportsman (5)
27 Flower part (5)
28 Make void (5)
29 Signal (7)
30 Freshwater mammal (5)
31 Female horses (5)

DOWN
2 Conversation (6)
3 Modernise (6)
4 Insect (3)
5 European country (5)
6 Shortage (7)
7 Egress (4)
8 Emblem (6)
12 Pale mauve (5)
13 Hooded snake (5)
14 Sheriff's men (5)
15 Herb (5)
16 Spaghetti, for example (5)
18 Anteroom (5)
19 Delicate problem (7)
21 Pressing (6)
22 Former coin (6)
23 Shape (6)
25 Trivial (5)
26 Savant (4)
28 Limb (3)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Look embarrassed, not proud (5)
6 The member from Yarmouth is a mere lad (5)
9 Deplorable, but very good around half term (7)
10 The man with skill and courage (5)
11 The sound of wine unceremoniously poured? (5)
12 Most musical of the Marxes? (5)
13 Decisive colonist? (7)
15 At darts, best place for a score? (3)
17 Loyal to a tow-headed woman (4)
18 Finish travel at the estimated time, when there's a dance (6)
19 Attempts to explain strange rites (5)
20 Ran to the little woman at mid-week (6)
22 In church, it means a lot (4)
24 Much reduced fare (3)
25 One poet's music? (7)
26 Send for a taxi to Mile End (5)
27 If you want to make babies, this food will help (5)
28 Hinders low fellows out to finish a job (5)
29 He can vote for a noted lecturer or reader (7)
30 Gem weight? (5)
31 It'll always be negative (5)

DOWN
2 Singing in German, was deceitful to the bitter end (6)
3 Is nimble and dainty, yet trips clumsily at one point (6)
4 Whitehall stage success? (3)
5 Keep out of bed, maybe, for half a year (5)
6 Young people who never say no to food? (7)
7 Capital of Czechoslovakia? (4)
8 Unimportant point made over tea, initially (6)
12 Learned to be adamant about closing time (5)
13 Pole's employees? (5)
14 Just finished a rambling tour with an instructor (5)
15 American getting cross when tangled in a net (5)
16 When there's nothing doing for the moment, dad gets employment (5)
18 Author never edited (5)
19 A number fit to be considered acceptable (7)
21 Show sorrow when lent only about a thousand (6)
22 Earthly enrichment a chap can possibly rue? (6)
23 Wherein a confined animal bleats wildly? (6)
25 Having her own band goes to her head (5)
26 Is able to include England's capital, as a city (4)
28 With deception? (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 150

CRYPTIC ACROSS: 1, Flush 6, V-outh 9, Pi-te-ous 10, He-art 11, Plonk 12, Harpo 13, Settler 15, Top 17, T-Rue 18, Vel-ETA 19, Tries 20, Flo-Wed. 22, Mass 24, Far 25, An-Dante 26, Cab-le 27, kebab 28, Curb-s 29, E-lector 30, Stone 31, Never.

DOWN: 2, Lied-er 3, Sprit-E 4, Hit 5, Deb-ar 6, Yup-pies 7, Oslo 8, Trinpo-t 12, H-e-ard 13, Staff 14, T-utor 15, Te-X-an 16, Pa-use 18, Verne 19, Ten-able 21, L-a-M-ent 22, Man-ure 23, Stable 25, Alice 26, Ca-E-n 28, Con.

EASY ACROSS: 1, Scrub 6, Dense 9, Perplex 10, Snide 11, Films 12, Limit 13, Captain 15, Cop 17, Oboe 18, Fibula 19, Tarot 20, Rustic 22, Gift 24, Are 25, Petunia 26, Skier 27, Petal 28, Annul 29, Gesture 30, Otter 31, Mares.

DOWN: 2, Confab 3, Update 4, Bee 5, Spain 6, Deficit 7, Exit 8, Symbol 12, Lilac 13, Cobra 14, Posse 15, Cumin 16, Pasta 18, Foyer 19, Tickler 21, Urgent 22, Guinea 23, Figure 25, Petty 26, Sage 28, Arm.

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Show Buzz | Sonam C Chhabra

'To be a great artiste, you have to be original...'

Actor and TV show host Sonam C Chhabra is a widely recognised as one of India's top live hosts. She has anchored over 1,000 events globally, including leading sports tournaments, and has starred in popular movies and shows, including Kirket, Safar Kamyabi Ka and Made in Heaven.

Shilpi Madan caught up with her.

When did you realise you wanted to be on stage and in front of the camera?
Honestly, I was studying to be a chartered accountant. Stage to camera was a very smooth transition because I understood that I love expressing myself and I'm a people's person. I love communicating with people. It was a very smooth transition for me.

How long have you been in the glamour world?
I have been in the anchoring, acting and content creation space for almost 12 years.

> My mantra in life is never let adversities or difficult times win over you

What has been the turning point in your career?
Walking the Cannes Red Carpet and The Pitch to Get Rich show on Jio Hotstar, which I hosted, these two I would say were big turning points. Cannes Red Carpet gave me a lot of international exposure, confidence, and Pitch to Get Rich, being on set with stars like Karan Johar, Malaika, Manish Malhotra, so many stars like Akshay Kumar, Sara Ali Khan and Ananya Pandey.

Acting or compering? Why?
For me, acting has been a privilege. I am really honoured that I got to work in Made in Heaven and some more great projects. But given a choice between the two, my heart is always with anchoring and compering because, really, when I was struggling for money, for work, compering is what kept my boat afloat. It put food on the table. It gave me recognition, and it also gave me the confidence to actually take a flight to Mumbai and pursue acting as a career.

Who inspires you and why?
I'm very inspired by my mother. She was the strongest woman in the world. She inspired me to be authentic, follow my heart and stand up in society for what I believe.

What are your hobbies?
My hobbies include dancing. I travel a lot. I travel extensively and I love it. My hobbies include reading a lot. I read a lot on self-development, manifestation. I truly am into manifestation.

How do you keep bettering yourself?
I think every day is an opportunity to better ourselves. I manifest a better version, a higher version of myself every day. Manifestation has helped me in bettering myself a lot. Self-development, working on myself, working on my past traumas, working on healing, working on my potential, reaching my highest potential through tools like manifestation, tools like meditation, have helped me in bettering myself.

What's your biggest challenge?
My biggest challenges are mostly emotional. I recently lost my mother and I also lost my brother. I would say my biggest challenge currently is grief. To be able to wake up every day, get over grief, and go out there and fight for your dream is the biggest challenge.

What's your fitness and beauty routine?
I love hitting the gym. I do strength training five days a week. I lift weights. Earlier, I only practiced yoga, but now I'm loving strength training as well. For beauty, I drink a lot of water. I sleep well. I read books. I practice meditation.

Mantra in life...
My mantra in life is never let adversities or difficult times win over you. You know, every time you go down, you get up stronger, fight back harder and emerge a winner, like a phoenix rising from the ashes. Phoenix rising from the ashes is my mantra in life.

Your advice for all aspiring artistes...
There's a lot of noise out there with social media, with so much content to consume, it's very easy to forget your authenticity, forget who you really are, forget about your inner child. But to be a great artiste, you have to be original. You have to be in touch with your authentic self.

Sonam C Chhabra

Monsoon Ready

Fabric fit
Change your drapes and soft furnishings to quick-drying fabrics. Damp or moist fabrics give the interiors a musty odour in the rainy season. Don't push furniture with fabrics against damp exterior walls in areas such as a patio or balcony.

Air Flow

Cross-ventilation whenever possible helps keep your interiors fresh. It's better to open windows and let the fresh air in during dry spells rather than use artificial fresheners. These aromas don't work well when your windows are shut for long spells to keep raindrops away.

CARPET CARE
This isn't a good time for thick carpets that retain moisture. Ideally, avoid carpets and mats through the rainy days. Smaller rugs to demarcate areas in living spaces should ideally be away from footfall paths. A carpet under the centre table serves as a decor object without the risk of dampness and odour.

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Piping hot ginger tea is a healthy alternative to sugary drinks with your finger food on a rainy day spent at home

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CORIANDER FRITTER

This tea-time snack is just right for the monsoon months. It is made with gram flour and fresh coriander leaves. It is best-eaten with green coriander and chilli chutney or tomato ketchup. Eat it hot. Settle down with a book or in front of the TV with these fritters and enjoy the season.

ROASTED SWEET POTATO WEDGES

This is a healthy snack that goes well any time of the day. It is rich in Vitamin A and antioxidants. You can either bake or air-fry it to avoid oil. It is as heavy as any deep-fried finger food if you want something filling. It is an ideal comfort food for a rainy day that stops you from going out.

Monsoon Munch

Snack Time

What's the best thing to do when you it's raining and you choose to spend the weekend home rather than negotiate waterlogging and tree falls? Curl up with a book or binge watch TV? No matter what, a must-do is that bowl of delicious finger foods next to you. The rains and some crunchy deep-friend snacks are a perfect match.

Onion Pakodas

An all-time favourite, onion pakodas with ajwain and finely-diced green chillies make an evening. Whether you are alone or with a bunch of friends, onion pakodas keep the conversation going. An all-day snack, they can be your go-to munch any time of the day.

CORN CALLING

This is a healthier finger food to savour, especially if you prefer something that isn't deep-fried. Roasted corn coated with butter, lime and chaat masala, street food style, is easy to make. Just roast the corn well on an open flame first and then give it the coatings.

NO-OIL SAMOSA

While samosa is a great hit no matter when you serve it, the oil it carries may be a deterrent to binging on those small delights. A simple solution is air-frying it. A bowl of bite-sized samosas, air-fried and served with mint chutney, on a wet evening is an instant superhit.

Vada Pav

A favourite street food, it is a spicy delight that everyone enjoys. It can be a bit heavy and therefore not advisable as a starter. Vada pav served with garlic chutney, garnished with fried green chillies, is a tasty and filling snack.

Menopause, perimenopause call for change in skincare routine

This phase in life does not mean the end of healthy skin. You only need smarter, gentler and a more informed approach to skincare, advises dermatologist **Dr Mukta Sachdev**

Many women entering their 40s and 50s are surprised by sudden changes in their skin. A facewash that once worked perfectly now causes dryness. Skin becomes sensitive, dull, itchy or prone to break-outs. Fine lines seem to appear overnight. Hormonal changes during perimenopause and menopause significantly affect not only the skin's appearance, but also its overall health and resilience.

Perimenopause is the transition phase before menopause, when hormone levels - especially estrogen - begin fluctuating. Menopause itself is confirmed after 12 months without periods. Estrogen is one of the key hormones responsible for maintaining collagen, skin thickness, hydration, elasticity and healing. As estrogen levels decline, the skin begins to change from within.

One of the most important, yet lesser-known effects, is damage to the skin barrier. The skin barrier is the outer protective layer that keeps moisture in and irritants out. During menopause, this barrier becomes weaker and less efficient. As a result, the skin loses water more easily and becomes dry, rough, sensitive and easily irritated. Women often notice sudden intolerance to skincare products they previously used comfortably.

At the same time, collagen production drops sharply, making the skin thinner and less firm. Fine lines, wrinkles and sagging around the jawline and neck become more visible. Skin may also bruise more easily and take longer to heal.

Pigmentation changes are another major concern. Years of hidden sun damage begin surfacing as uneven skin tone, age spots and patchy pigmentation. Some women even develop adult acne due to hormonal fluctuations, particularly around the chin and jawline.

Hair and scalp changes are also common but often overlooked. Hair may become thinner, drier and more fragile, while the scalp may feel itchy or sensitive. Nails can become brittle and weak.

Health File

Modern lifestyles can further worsen menopausal skin changes. Stress, lack of sleep, excessive screen time, pollution, crash diets and overuse of trendy skincare products often damage the already-fragile skin barrier. Social media has also created unrealistic expectations about ageing, leading many women to experiment with harsh treatments or unnecessary products without proper guidance.

The good news is that healthy menopausal skin is achievable with the right approach. Gentle skincare becomes more important than aggressive treatments. Mild cleansers, barrier-repair moisturisers containing ceramides and hyaluronic acid and daily sunscreen are essential. Over-exfoliation should be avoided.

Ingredients such as retinoids, peptides, antioxidants, and Vitamin C can help improve collagen and pigmentation when used correctly under professional supervision. In-clinic procedures like microneedling, lasers, skin boosters and radiofrequency treatments may also help restore skin quality and firmness.

Equally important are lifestyle measures - good sleep, hydration, exercise, balanced nutrition, stress management and avoiding smoking. Healthy skin during menopause is closely linked to overall wellness.

Most importantly, women should seek guidance from experienced dermatologists and skin experts familiar with hormonal skin changes rather than relying solely on social media trends. Menopausal skin is unique and deserves personalised, science-based care.

Menopause is not the end of healthy skin - it is simply a new chapter requiring a smarter, gentler and more informed approach to skincare and self-care.

Time for a transition trip

Isn't it a good idea to plan a last summer weekend outing before the rains set in? **Shilpi Madan** has some tips

As summer transitions into monsoon, you're ready to take the last weekend summercation. Skip the heaving crowds and make a beeline for a calm slice of slow travel. Here's your handy guide.

Go off the radar

That doesn't mean you fly down to Antarctica! Choose a location off the beaten path where the locals live in small population. It could be in the neighbouring hills, an undiscovered site of waterfalls and the verdant, or a lesser-known safari spot or picnic location. If you shift your radius by a mere 20 km, you could land at a destination where you can indulge in a quiet weekend where you can unwind at leisure.

Go low on the agenda

The summercation isn't a productivity challenge. Desist from ticking off too many things on your list. In your bid to hit all the Instagrammable spots, you could end up compromising on the actual relaxation and calm quotient of your getaway.

Let yourself be for a bit before you are swallowed by the humdrum of the big city again on your return.

Plan to activate

Try a homestay. But book in advance to avoid the last-minute crunch owing to limited space at such stay options. Track the weather forecasts and road maps online to stay in the loop for any traffic diversions or landslides. It works well to carry cash, as you might not want to try your cards for payment in certain places owing to patchy network, the UPI may not function either. Always have a back-up plan.

Stock up

On your essentials such as snacks, medicines, sun block with SPF 50, a windcheater for sudden rain, umbrella, drinks and mineral water of your choice, and a light jacket for nippy evenings. Quick-drying clothes work well in terms of easy packing and use. Ensure you pack in a power bank, in case electric supply turns out to be an issue in remote areas.

Get your car checked for an overall go-ahead and ensure a spare tyre is in tow in the boot. Always call the destination location before you set out to get the latest updates.

Beat the monsoon blues with greens

Indoor plants enhance your mood on grey, rainy days. **Krupa Patel** picks four you can adopt

Green Sheen

The harsh summer is over and the monsoon season is beginning. This is a good time to relook at your indoor greenery. Some varieties of indoor plants work well in the monsoon season, ensuring your home is free of toxins and high in oxygen.

Indoor plants connect you with Nature in a concrete jungle. They filter out volatile organic compounds that are released by cleaning agents, cosmetics, paints, vehicles etc. They keep the spaces cool and regulate indoor humidity. Greenery indoors is believed to have a calming effect, reducing anxiety. This in turn strengthens focus and enhances your creativity. The simple act of watering your indoor plants daily is a mindful routine that induces you to live in the present.

Green Velvet
(Alocasia Frydek)

his plant is deep forest green with velvety arrow-shaped leaves and contrasting bright veins. It enhances plain corners in living rooms and offices. It gives your spaces a tropical feel. The bold shade of the plant brings a dash of colour to your interiors, most welcome on a grey rainy day. With soft lighting, it becomes a focal point.

Elephant Ear
(Caladium)

The heart-shaped leaves of this plant with their contrasting colours in veins come in pink, white, red and green shades. When light passes through these paper-thin leaves with colourful veins, it creates an illusion of a colourful, living heart. This plant works well in patios or on windowsills that are exposed to indirect sunlight.

Butterfly Plant
(Oxalis Triangularis)

It's deep purple triangular leaves open up wide during daytime and close tight at night. It looks exceptional when planted in a ceramic pot and kept on a windowsill next to sheer curtains. With even a light breeze you can watch its delicate leaves flutter and dance, creating a butterfly-like movement. It is a colourful and 'living' decor object that brings a fairytale touch to the space, especially a kid's room.

Air Plant
(Tillandsia)

This plant gets its moisture and nutrients from the surroundings and does not need to be potted in soil. This is a great option for those who don't want soil indoors. Many plant parents go for this variety as it can be placed in any part of the home without the risk of soil and water spills.It adds to the decor theme when placed on a coffee table or display unit.

Some handy hints

- Check if the plant needs to be moved around for better ventilation and bright light
- Since the plant is indoors, the soil remains moist longer. Ensure the pot has drainage holes and a tray at the bottom to hold any water spill. Check soil condition before watering
- Layers of pebbles or gravel at the bottom of the pot will store excess water and prevent the roots from rotting
- Check for pests and dry leaves daily. Remove dry leaves and trim as required
- If it's an exotic variety you haven't had before, get some professional advice on its maintenance
- Many varieties are natural insect repellents that serve you well in this season

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Design your living room for comfort and aesthetics

The seating, colours and decor objects should blend to create a warm and comfortable space to relax in

The living room is a space that is used by all in the family. It's where the family and guests get together. After a long, hard day at work, this is the room people come back to for some peace, family time and bonding. The decor of a living room is therefore crucial. You want a space where you feel 'at home'.

Seating for comfort

While the aesthetics is important, the seating should be comfortable - where you are at ease. You tend to spend long hours here on holidays whether binge watching TV or catching up with family and friends. The seating therefore needs to be comfortable and aesthetic at the same time. While a three-seater sofa with two single pieces is common, you can get seating to suit your family custom-made too. A single seater antique-style or a cane chair will be a conversation piece.

Ensure you have a centre and side table within easy reach of all seated in the arrangement. Choose tables based on the size of the room rather than space available around the seating. Your seating arrangement needs to 'fit into' the living room without looking overbearing or small.

Decor objects

These objects should complement the seating arrangement. Choose objects based on size of the room. Categorise them into corner items, wall-art and table-tops. If you have a showcase or wall storage unit with a display space, choose items for it in line with the theme of your living room.

If you don't have a designated theme, memorabilia, trophies, family vacation photographs and even paintings created by your children can form objects of decor.

Indoor plants in the corners work as objects of decor too. In planters, you can enhance their appeal with lighting. Again, the space available matters. Corners are ideal locations for greenery.

Lighting

The fixtures and colour of lighting in the living room adds to comfort. Soft lighting over the seating with focused lighting for wall-art is a popular combo. If space allows, you can have wall-washers and decorative lighting in the corners. Cornices can also be used as highlights with concealed lighting behind them.

Take into account the activity, reflections and requirement of task lighting before you buy the fixtures.

Colour scheme

To a large extent, the colour scheme too depends on the size of the room. While light shades and cool colours are generally used, you can have one wall in a dark colour as an accent. Light colours on the walls make the room appear larger and brighter. Dark colours need more lighting and work better when the living room is large.

The colour scheme extends to furnishings too. Your upholstery, curtains and cushion covers need to blend with the colour scheme of the walls. You can create spots of contrast with the decor objects for a break. While light colours can work in any space, dark accents need to be used judiciously as they can be overwhelming.

The fabrics make a difference too. Whether in your cushion covers or curtains, they can add texture to the decor theme. Choose patterns based on how versatile the fabric is. Go for something that's all-weather, not too heavy and with small patterns if the living space is relatively small. Heavy materials and layers work well in an expanse.

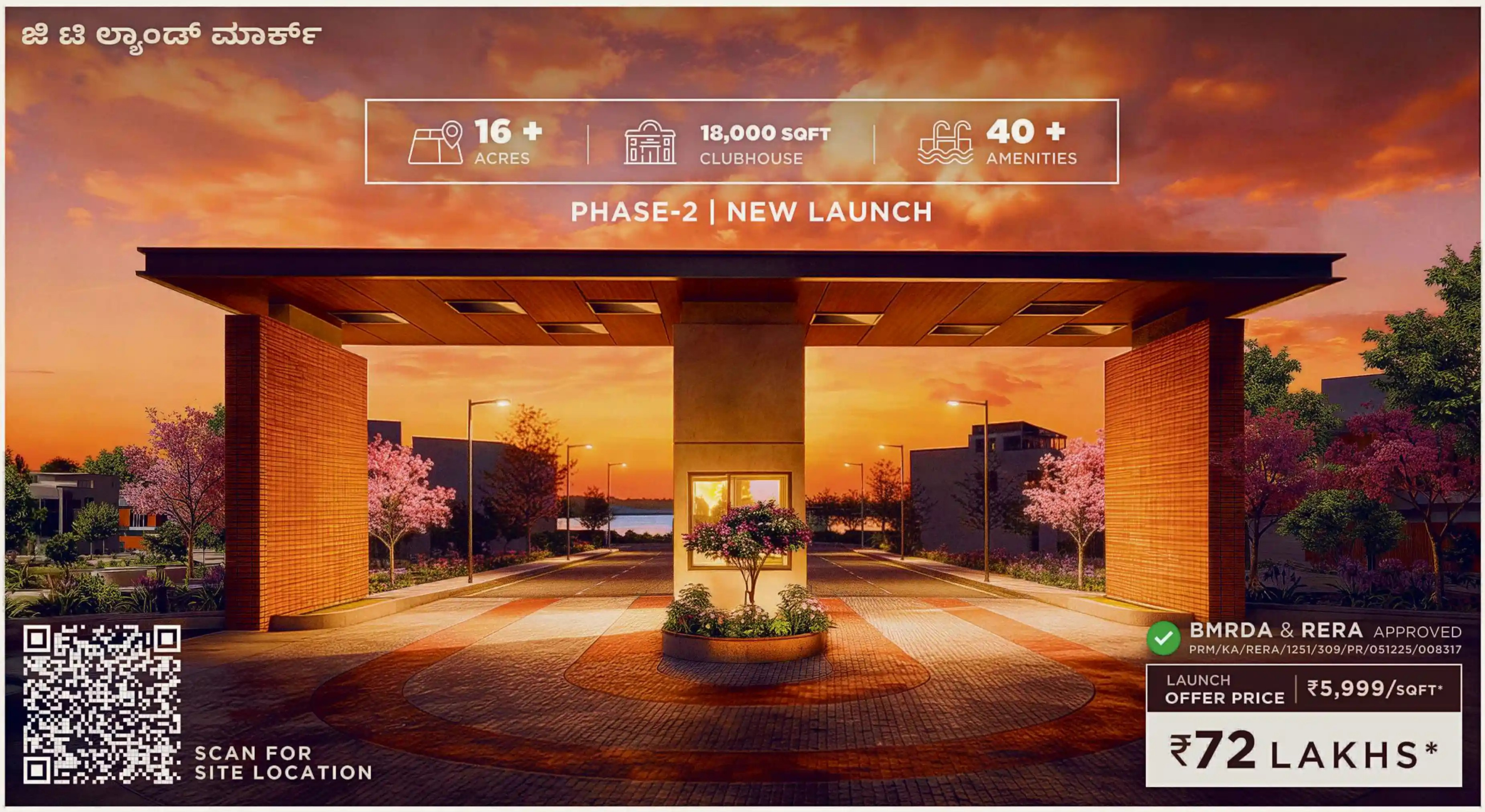
Storage

A crucial aspect of a living room is storage space. Never go over-board and have excessive units and cupboards here. Remember, it's not a storeroom. Keep storage units to the minimum and get ones that blend with the room's decor and size.

It's a good idea to accommodate only small items in this room. Smaller and more efficient storage options would be ideal.

Blend comfort and style

Decorating a living room should be about creating a space that reflects your personal taste while being comfortable and practical. Trends may change over time, but a well-designed living room will always be welcoming and suitable to the needs of the family. Careful selection of colours, furniture, lighting and decor elements is the key to a beautiful and relaxing space.



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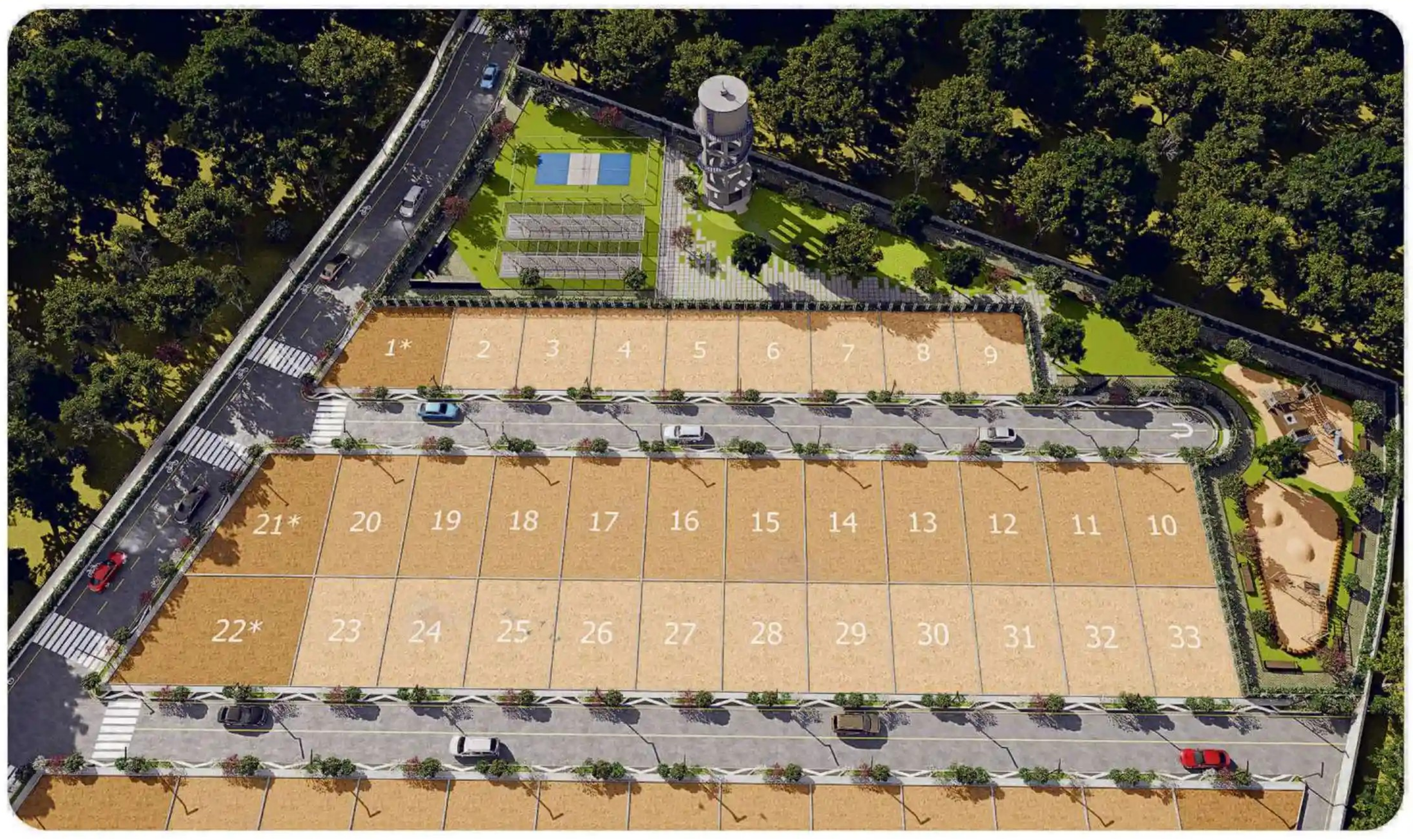

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